Guaranteed Bona-Fide, Every-Day Circulation Larger Than That Of Any Other Daily Newspaper Published in Wilmington.

OLDEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN THE STATE.

THE MORNING STAR.

VOL. LXV.---NO. 68. WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1899. WHOLE NO. 10,083

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year, by Mail,	$5.00
Six Months, "	2.50
Three Months, "	1.25
Two Months, "	1.00

Delivered to Subscribers in the City at 45 Cents per Month.

The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Department of Agriculture reports 8,900,000 bales as the probable cotton production this season. —— Debate on the currency bill began yesterday in the House of Representatives. —— American troops occupied the town of Subig, the Filipinos retreating without resistance. —— Members of the firm of S. P. Shotter & Co., of Savannah, Ga., are indicted for violation of the Inter-State Commerce law. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call quoted firm at 3@15 per cent., last loan at 5 per cent.; cotton quiet, steady, middling uplands 7 11-16c; flour dull and easy; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red 64½c; corn—spot weak, No. 2 40½c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 29c; rosin steady, spirit turpentine quiet at 51@51½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 11.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 63 degrees; 8 P. M., 69 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 60 degrees; mean, 66 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .06

WASHINGTON, D. C., 2.35 P. M., December 11, 1899.—Observer, Wilmington, N. C.—Storm southeast signals, Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe, West Point, Baltimore. Storm central in West Illinois, moving northeast. High southeast winds to-night, shifting to high southwest Tuesday, with rain.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4.2 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—For North Carolina—Rain Tuesday; colder in western portion; Wednesday fair; colder in eastern portion; brisk to high southerly, shifting to westerly winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 12.

Sun Rises	7.05 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.44 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 39 M.
High Water at Southport.	3.36 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	6.36 A. M.

That $15,000,000 bonnet trust is up at the head.

A Berlin dispatch says Germany will "stick to gold." Germany sometimes does very foolish things.

A Montana man has devised a method of marking cattle without burning them, so that the branding of cattle has ceased to be a burning question out there.

A Chicago policeman charged a citizen with throwing a clock at him. It was a striking clock, too, for it struck him in the face and made several gashes.

A Pennsylvania man found a needle the other day which he lost twenty-two years ago. He lost it in the sole of his foot and found it in the small of his back.

There are some soda lakes in British Columbia whose bottoms and shores are incrusted with a compound of borax and soda, which is as good for washing as the powders in common use.

The authorities of Fulton county, Ga., have decided to build their new court house out of Georgia stone. Why not when Georgia stone is shipped to half a dozen Northern States for building purposes.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the price of crude oil 40 cents a barrel, and for refined oils a good deal more. The "raw material" dodge, we suppose, comes in here, too, and the S. O. C. socks it to us at both ends.

One of the most expensively paved towns in this country is Spearfish, South Dakota. The streets are paved with the tailings from the gold mills, and it is estimated that the stuff in them contains $300 worth of gold to the block.

A San Juan hill hero in New York, who undertook to paint the town and was too boisterous, got into the lock up. He became so disgusted with that town's lack of appreciation of a hero, that he suspended himself by the neck with his suspenders, but they were too elastic for the purpose and he still survives.

Conflagration Narrowly Averted.

But for the bursting of a lead water pipe by the heat of a flame started mysteriously in the choir room of St. James' Episcopal Church about 6 o'clock Sunday morning, that historic edifice undoubtedly would have been in a short time badly damaged by a conflagration. About the hour named Sexton John Knight, in making his regular tour through the building found the room filled with smoke and immediately notified Assistant Fire Chief Monroe, who with the sexton investigated the cause and found the miraculous way in which the fire had been extinguished—by the bursting of the pipe and the flow of water. It is said there were evidences of incendiarism, though the real cause of the fire is unknown.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Tar was quoted at only $1.30 on the local market yesterday—a decline of ten cents from last week's quotations.

— Justice McGowan was the only down town magistrate that "had business" yesterday. He tried three unimportant cases.

— The schooner *Venus*, 194 tons, Vane, from Georgetown to Baltimore put in at Southport for harbor at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

— St. John's Lodge No. 1, F. and A. Masons, will elect officers for the ensuing masonic year at its regular monthly communication to-night.

— The Clyde steamship *Richmond* is expected in port from New York this morning. The *Saginaw* passed out at Southport at 8.40 o'clock Sunday morning.

— The Wilmington Sigma Alpha Epsilon men, of whom there are about twenty, will meet to-morrow night at 8.30 o'clock at the parlors of The Orton, to organize a local branch of the fraternity.

— The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons, (colored) will convene at Goldsboro to-day. A number of the members of Wilmington lodges will go up on the A. C. L. train this morning.

— Constable Wm. Sheehan, Sr., yesterday prepared renewal of his bond for the year beginning December 1st last. His sureties, in the sum of $1,000, are Messrs. M. O'Brien, Sol Bear and Godfrey Hart.

— Mr. A. L. Calhoun and others are making an effort to organize a bank at Clio, S. C. The capital stock will be $50,000, of which about $12,000 has been subscribed. Some of the stock is to be offered in Wilmington.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hamme—Xmas present.
T. D. Love—Firecrackers.
S. & B. Solomon.—Hu-man-ic shoes.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
J. B. & J. C. King—Just think of it.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Boarders.
For Sale—Oak secretary.
Residence—For sale or rent.
Bookkeeper—Position wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Best spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. T. C. Stevenson, of Hamlet, was here yesterday.

— Mr. S. M. Hornaday, of Raleigh, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. L. J. Best, of Dunn, was among last night's arrivals at The Orton.

— Lieutenant Percy Bishop, of Fort Caswell, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. E. McDaniel, of Whiteville, is in the city making business calls.

— Mr. J. C. Niemyer, of Raleigh, was a pleasant caller at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. J. Dillard Bellamy came over from Brunswick yesterday and spent the day.

— Capt. J. M. Horne, of Rocky Mount, was among the arrivals in the city last night.

— Mr. W. C. Munroe, Jr., of Goldsboro, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. T. D. Robinson, of Waycross, Sampson county, was here buying goods yesterday.

— Mr. Jeff D. Sessoms, of Stedman, came down to the city last night to make Christmas purchases.

— Mrs. R. C. Holmes, of Clinton, arrived in the city last evening, on a visit to her brother, Mr. J. M. Chesnutt.

— Capt. W. E. Kyle, of Fayetteville, special agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, was a guest of the Orton yesterday.

— Mr. S. F. New, of Durham, N. C., the widely known salesman for the popular Sporting Club Cigars, is registered at The Orton.

— The Rev. S. H. Isler, of Goldsboro, was here yesterday, returning home from Topsail Sound, where he preached on Sunday.

— General Manager A. B. Skelding, of the Wilmington Street Railway Company, returned yesterday morning from a trip North.

— Mr. W. W. Mansfield, the well known representative of the Aquila Rich Company, of New York, is here calling on the trade.

— Mr. Pete H. Smith, the gallant old Confederate veteran, has removed to Richmond, Va., to be with his daughter, Mrs. T. C. Diggs.

— Mr. Joe Hall, representing the celebrated San Francisco Minstrels to appear at the Opera House next Monday, the 18th, was a caller last night.

— Mr. Frederick S. Cowell, the hustling representative of the Chrome Steel Works, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been here a few days calling on the trade.

— Solicitor Rodolph Duffy returned yesterday from Kenansville, where he finished up the criminal dooket of Duplin Superior Court. Mrs. Duffy returned with him.

— Mrs. Florence R. Faucett, of Halifax, N. C., has arrived in the city and will spend the Christmas holidays here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. C. Merritt, No. 611 Grace street.

MR. NORWOOD GILES.

He Passed Away Yesterday Morning at 11.30 O'clock Surrounded by Loved Ones—Obsequies To-morrow.

Wilmington yesterday lost one of her most prominent and highly esteemed citizens in the death of Mr. Norwood Giles, who passed away at 11.30 A. M. at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary V. Walker, on Front and Chestnut streets. He has been afflicted with aneurism of the heart and for the past three months his condition has been of a serious nature. He was sick at his home in New York until he was brought to this city Wednesday, November 29th. All of his family were at his bedside when the end came. His death cast gloom over the entire community, for he was universally esteemed by all who knew him, and his family has the sincere condolence of his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Giles was the son of the late Mr. William B. Giles and his wife, who was Miss Almeria Reston. The deceased was born in Wilmington November 10, 1846, and reached the 53rd year of his age on the 10th of last month. In 1848 Mr. Giles' parents moved to Savannah, Ga., where his father engaged extensively in exporting lumber. He also had business interests in Wilmington, and moved back here about the close of the civil war.

The subject of this sketch grew up to manhood in this city and began his business life as clerk to General William MacRae, general superintendent of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, the name of which was afterwards changed to the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad. Subsequently he went into the insurance business with the late Col. William L. Smith, under the firm name of William L. Smith & Co. That firm was succeeded by Norwood Giles & Co., the late Major Matt P. Taylor being admitted as a partner. When Major Taylor severed his connection with the firm Mr. Giles continued the business many years under his own name. From early manhood he took great interest in yachting matters and for years was one of the leading spirits in the Carolina Yacht Club. He held the office of commodore of the club one or more terms and also filled other offices, besides owning and sailing several yachts at different times He always took a lively interest in the regattas of the club and by his enthusiasm and active efforts helped to make the club a success.

Mr. Giles took an active interest in the affairs of Wilmington, and was the first chairman of the board of Audit and Finance when it was organized. To him is attributed the credit of conceiving the usefulness of and suggesting the scope of the board. He was therefore made its first chairman, and the affairs of the board to-day are conducted in accordance with rules which he introduced in its early organization.

Nearly twenty years ago Mr. Giles and Mr. Pembroke Jones organized the Carolina Rice Milling Company of this city, and built the Carolina Rice Mill, which now stands on Chesnut street, between Front and Water streets. They afterwards built a mill at Washington, N. C., and acquired one at Goldsboro. All these mills were known as the Carolina Rice Mills up to about four or five years ago, when several mills at New Orleans were taken into an organization known as the National Rice Milling Company, organized through the instrumentality and influence of Messrs. Jones and Giles. The combination of these milling interests proved a big success, and nearly four years ago Messrs. Jones and Giles organized the Standard Rice Company, of New York, to distribute the product of the combined mills. Mr. Jones was made president of the latter company and Mr. Giles secretary and treasurer, which position he held up to his death. When the company was organized Mr. Giles removed from Wilmington to New York, where he made his home for about three years and a half.

Mr. Giles was a man of decided talent and culture. In manner he was possessed of the most pleasant urbanity, and his courteousness marked him as a true Southern gentleman. He was noted among his acquaintances for his originality and keen wit, and his wonted pleasantries made him a most companionable man. He was a man of extensive acquirements and wide reading, and perhaps was the best informed man in this community as to the ornitholigy of this region.

Mr. Giles was twice married. His first wife was Miss Eliza M. Walker, daughter of the late Thos. D. Walker, and one daughter survives this union —Mrs. N. N. Davis, of this city. His second marriage was with Miss Virginia Strong, daughter of the late Judge Geo. V. Strong, of Raleigh. They have two sons—Mr. Norwood Giles, Jr., who holds a position with the Standard Rice Company, at New York, and Mr. John Reston Giles, who is a member of the Sophomore Class in Columbia College, New York. His wife, daughter and both sons were at his bedside, the two young men having come on a few days ago. Mrs. Giles' sisters and brothers, Mrs. Calvert, Mr. Robert C. Strong and Miss Carrie Strong, of Raleigh, arrived here yesterday morning, and Mrs. Clayton Giles and daughter, Miss Lucile Murchison, who have been to New York, came home last evening on account of the death of Mr. Giles. His only brother, Mr. Clayton Giles, of this city, was with him at the last.

The obsequies will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at St. James Episcopal Church, of which the deceased has long been a communicant and vestryman. The services for the burial of the dead will be said by the Rev. Drs. Strange and Carmichael. The interment will be made at Oakdale Cemetery.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES GALLOWAY CLAIM

Contend Against Judge Battle's Ruling That Pickpocket Victim Should be Reimbursed Out of Forfeited Bonds.

It was decided at the regular meeting of the County School Board held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, that payment of $32 to Mr. A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro, out of the forfeited bonds of the pickpockets, who defaulted at the Spring term of the Criminal Court, be refused, the order of Judge Battle enjoining payment of this amount to the party named to the contrary notwithstanding.

STAR readers will remember the circumstances of this case; of how Mr. Galloway's pockets were picked of $32 on a trip down to the city from Goldsboro last Spring; of the subsequent arrest of the three alleged thieves and the forfeiture of their bonds, the amount ($600) going by law to the school fund.

At the last term of the court Judge Battle ordered the amount, less court costs and the $32 laid claim to by Mr. Galloway, paid into the school fund. The board yesterday afternoon decided that it was proper to pay the costs of the case but that from no legal standpoint did they consider themselves liable to Mr. Galloway in the sum named. This conflict of authority is likely to involve an interesting controversy and one which will probably have to be settled in the courts.

George Rountree, Esq., was present by request during the consideration of the matter and from him legal advice touching the case was sought.

At the meeting Col. W. A. Johnson, the chairman presided, and Capt. Donald MacRae and Mr. W. H. Sprunt, the other members of the board were present.

The only other matter of interest considered at the meeting was the examination and approval of the November statement of County Treasurer H. McL. Green. Disbursements during the month amounted to $3,793.88.

The board adjourned subject to a call of the chairman.

The Size of the Crop.

In a circular just issued by Latham, Alexander & Co., the well known bankers and cotton commission merchants, of New York, it is shown that the percentage of cotton that has come into sight for the past twelve years up to December 1st averaged 51.44 of the entire crop of the several years. It is shown, further, that according to New Orleans figures 4,541,000 bales of the new crop had come into sight December 1st, 1899; and that if it is 51.44 per cent. of the entire crop, then the total crop for the year ending September 30th, 1900, will be 8,827,000 bales.

Youthful Thieves.

Capt. W. A. Sanders, of the steamer *Seabright*, was led a lively chase yesterday afternoon by a diminutive negro boy, whom he detected stealing a bundle of sacks from the steamer's wharf. The thief was one of a number of pickaninnies who infest all the steamboat landings in quest of what they may steal, and Capt. Sanders, although the negro dropped the sacks, was anxious to put his hands on the fleeing youth in order to make an example of him to others evily inclined. The youngster fled up an alley to Front street and thence toward the south until he was lost sight of by Capt. Sanders.

River Shipping Notes.

The steamer *Driver* arrived in port Sunday night from Willis' Creek and cleared at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the return trip to Fayetteville. Among her passenger list was Messrs. R. M. Melvin, of Duplin; J. L. Rosser, of Elizabethtown, G. W. Register and C. Martin, of White Oak and R. D. Smith, of Jessups.

The steamers *A. P. Hurt* and *E. A. Hawes* are expected in from their respective trips to Fayetteville and Clear Run this morning.

The *Seabright* is in port, undergoing slight repairs.

Funeral Sunday Afternoon.

From his late residence on Fourth street Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, the funeral of Mr. Charles M. Harris was impressively conducted in the presence of a large number of friends, relatives and lodgemen by Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and Stonewall Lodge No. 1, K. of P., both of which he was a member, attended the obsequies in a body. The interment was at Oakdale Cemetery, the pall bearers being: Honorary, John R. Hanby and L. B. Pennington; active, W. H. Yopp, C. W. Stewart, W. R. Stewart, J. E. Silva, Benj. Bell and R. H. Beery.

Factories to Move to Wrightsboro.

Mr. O. M. Fillyaw, who recently sold out his grocery interest to Mr. C. L. Spencer, has bought a farm at Wrightsboro, four miles from the city, on the W. & W. railroad, and about the 1st of January will remove his canning and broom factories from the city to that place. Besides operating his factories, Mr. Fillyaw will engage in truck planting and will make a specialty of tomatoes.

The Fadette Woman's Orchestra, of Boston, which has been secured as the second attraction of the Star Course, will appear in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 8.30 next Thursday evening. Reserved seats $1.00. Box sheet opens at the secretary's office at 9 A. M. Wednesday. †

BURGAW FIRE-SWEPT LAST SUNDAY NIGHT.

Two Livery Stables and Seven Horses, and W. D. Croom & Bro.'s Stock of General Merchandise Destroyed.

Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, came down to the city yesterday morning and brought news of a disastrous fire at that place on Sunday night.

Fire broke out about 11 o'clock in the feed room in the front portion of Mr. W. N. Rivenbark's livery and sale stables, on the north side of Fremont or main street. The ringing of the court house bell aroused the entire population, and the men fought the fire heroically, but before the flames were stayed about $7,000 to $8,000 worth of property was destroyed.

Mr. Rivenbark's stables, a frame structure owned by Messrs. Carter & Brice, of Wallace, were totally destroyed, together with a large amount of forage and feed belonging to Mr. Rivenbark, three of his horses, four of his buggies and harness, and four horses belonging to the Angola Lumber Co., of Norfolk. Messrs. Carter & Brice carried $500 insurance, but that will not cover their loss by a couple of hundred dollars. Mr. Rivenbark's loss is $600 and he had no insurance. The Angola Lumber Co.'s loss is $600, with probably no insurance.

The flames communicated to the store of Messrs. W. D. Croom & Bro., separated from the stables by a fifteen foot alley, and their building and stock of general merchandise were consumed, very few goods being saved. They carried $2,000 insurance on their stock and $500 on the building. Their store and stock is valued at from $4,500 to $5,000.

The fire spread to Major R. M. Croom's livery stable, on Railroad street, in rear of Mr. Rivenbark's stables, and it was destroyed, together with 10,000 pounds of forage, 100 bushels of corn etc. Major Croom's hotel also caught and sustained some damage. His loss is estimated at $250, and he had $100 insurance with Dr. W. W. Harriss' agency, this city.

The Burgaw Drug Company (Mr. F. T. Croom), on Main street, sustained about $200 damage, which is covered by insurance. A lot of fencing belonging to various persons was also burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have been incendiary. No one had been at the stable in five hours. A reliable person who passed the stable at 10 o'clock, says there was no evidence of fire then.

Four Lumber Vessels.

Yesterday and Sunday there were arrivals of the following vessels, all of which are consigned to Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Brig *M. C. Haskell*, Capt. Wingfield, from Punta Gorda, with phosphate rock for the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company. After discharging she will load with lumber for the Kidder Lumber Co

Brig *Caroline Gray*, Capt. Meader, from Arecibo, Porto Rico. She arrived Sunday and will also load with lumber for the Kidder Lumber Co.

Schooner *Alma*, Capt. Small, light from Ponce, Porto Rico. She arrived yesterday on a second trip to this port this season, having cleared from here just thirty days ago for the port from whence she arrived. She is also here for a cargo from the Kidder Lumber Co.

Schooner *Charlotte W. Miller*, Capt. Higbee, from New York with coal for Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co. She will load with lumber also after discharging.

Royal Arcanum Election.

Cornelius Harnett Council No. 231, Royal Arcanum, elected officers last night for the ensuing year as follows:

Regent—R. B. Clowe.
Vice Regent—W. C. Galloway.
Orator—W. H. Turlington.
Secretary—John Cowan,
Collector—J. Weil.
Treasurer—I. L. Greenewald.
Chaplain—Rev. S. Mendlesohn, D. D.
Guide—Henry Burkheimer.
Warden—Jos. Sternberger.
Sentry—A. Silverman.
Trustees—Roger Moore, I. J. Bear, George Sloan.
Representatives to Grand Council—Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D.; Alternate, B. J. Jacobs.

Tug Blanche's Collision.

The wreck report of the steam tug *Blanche*, of the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, which was injured in a collision with the Charleston tug *Waban* off Bald Head on Wednesday, was yesterday filed by Capt. L. G. Pepper, master. The vessel is valued at $11,000, and the damage is estimated at $500. Her owners had insurance amounting to $5,000. The *Blanche* has completed temporary repairs and is on the river as usual until the return of the *Alexander Jones* from Baltimore, when she will go on the ways for permanent repairs.

Appointed Storekeeper and Gauger.

Mr. George R. Bate, Republican, of this city, received notification yesterfrom Col. E. C. Duncan, collector of internal revenue in this district, that he has been appointed storekeeper and gauger in District No. 4, an under Rule VI of the civil service. Mr. Bate will probably be assigned to one of the distilleries near this city.

If you are looking for a sweat-shop garment you are in the wrong place. We don't sell any clothing we do not guarantee. M. H. CURRAN. †

Tickets on sale for the Christmas holidays by the Seaboard Air Line, December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, also December 30th and 31st, 1899, and January 1st, 1899, good until January 4th, inclusive. †

APPREHENSIONS ABOUT DIPHTHERIA.

Some People Are Fearing An Epidemic. Officially Reported Cases Few.

There still exists in some sections of the city much alarm on account of the existence of several cases of diphtheria and many are fearing an epidemic; some parents to the extent that they have kept their children from school during the past few days. There appears to be, however, no cause for the excitement, as a STAR reporter was told yesterday afternoon by Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, that there are now only three cases officially reported to his office—the smallest number in some time. He attributes the undue excitement to the attention drawn just now to the disease's presence by the fatalities in three cases during the past week.

Only one new case was reported yesterday and this was promptly quarantined, making five quarantines now in effect. The situation, Dr. McMillan thinks, is not at all alarming.

There will be a meeting of the Medical Society, however, to-night for the purpose of considering the question in all its phases, and at the same time it is probable a meeting of the Board of Health and of the School Committees of the two city districts will be held for the purpose of talking over the situation. At present, it is considered that the question has no alarming features, but the meetings to night are for precaution's sake, and as a result the possibility of an epidemic will no doubt be greatly lessened.

Special Services.

Rev. L. W. Curtis, who was until a few months ago missionary to Siam, spoke of the work in that land interestingly to large congregations Sunday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in the morning; at the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon and at St. Andrew's Church in the evening. Mr. Curtis' remarks were abundant in instruction and profit to his hearers and were greatly enjoyed at all three services.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, gave some echoes of the Baptist State Convention, held last week at Asheville. He was listened to attentively by a large congregation. Statistics of the Baptist work in the State were very felicitous to the denomination at large and his review of the convention sessions was presented in his usual graceful and happy style.

Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, also held an interesting "echo meeting," which was well attended.

Fadette's Orchestra Thursday Night.

The second number of the Star Course of the season's entertainments of the Young Men's Christian Association is the famous Fadettes, a company of twenty-one ladies, all of whom are musicians of the first rank. The committee who are making the arrangements say that they have never had a company that has so universally pleased all audiences that this one seems to be doing in its Southern tour during the past three weeks' engagements.

The Augusta *Chronicle* says: "The 'Fadettes' of Boston, captured Augustans last night. Great was the expectation and it was not disappointed. It is an aristic aggregation, meriting the cordial reception and notices they are receiving in all the Southern cities included in their route. Mrs. Nichols is a leader no less noted than Sousa, Damrosch or Thomas. The wields a magic wand. The ladies composing the orchestra are all refined and cultivated."

Naval Reserves Election.

Wilmington Division Naval Reserves, at a well attended meeting last night, elected civil officers for the ensuing year as follows.

President— J. B. Clement.
Vice President—M. L. Skipper.
Secretary & Treasury—W. R. Middleton.
Uniform Committee—A. A. Hergenrother, W. R. Stewart, J. E. Cowell.
Finance Committee—S. A. Matthews, A. L. Price, S. K. DeVaney.

The various annual reports of the officers were read and the finances of the Division were reported in excellent shape. Several applications are on file for membership and the "Royal Bouncers" say there's fun ahead.

The Rumors of a Rice Mill Trust.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* of Saturday says:

Dispatches from New Orleans yesterday stated that an attempt was being made to form a consolidation of the rice companies of that city, and that New York capitalists were back of the enterprise.

Pembroke Jones, president of the National Rice Company, which owns several rice mills in New Orleans, when questioned, said:

"I have heard of no such proposed consolidation, and I do not believe the report."

The Marshall Case.

A. J. Marshall, Esq., accompanied by Iredell Meares, Esq., one of his attorneys in the counterfeiting case pending against him in the Federal Court at Raleigh, left yesterday morning for that city. There was nothing new in the matter here yesterday. A reference to the STAR'S Raleigh correspondence this morning tells of the case being set for a hearing next Monday.

W. L. I. Election.

The Wilmington Light Infantry held its annual election of civil officers at the armory last night. Mr. George P. James was elected president; Mr. N. E. Gillican, vice president, and Mr. Thos. H. Wright was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The audit and finance committee was named as follows: Messrs. C. S. Grainger, E. P. Willard and N. E. Gillican.

Christmas is the time for coming together. Go home by the Seaboard Air Line. One and one-third fares for the round trip. †

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The "Up-To-Date" Popular Clothing House.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY.

You will find this store the Best Place in Town to do your Buying.

ALWAYS the Best Values at this store,
ALWAYS the Most Reliable Goods Here.
ALWAYS Your Money Back When You Want It.
ALWAYS the Busiest Store in the City, because—

WE SELL THE CHEAPEST.

FISHBLATE CLOTHING COMPANY.

dec 10 2t

Just think of it!

Hams 12 1-2c.

J. B. & J. C. KING.

dec 12 tf

HUMANITY DEMANDS THEM!

WARMTH IN PERFHCT FITTING SHOES.

Your feet get cold and numb in ill-fitting Shoes, which cramp the muscles and hinder circulation.

"Hu-man-ic" Shoes

are designed on hygienic and anatomical lines, fitting perfectly the natural foot, and allow every muscle and bone the room needed to ensure free circulation of the blood. Your feet will keep warm if dressed in "Hu-man-ic" Shoes.

Stylish, comfortable and durable. We are sole local agents.

Price $4

S. & B. SOLOMON,
Shoe Department.

dec 12 3t tu th sa

Firecrackers and Penny Candy--

We known you remember the place to get the best Xmas Goods. But let us remind you that more Xmas Goods than usual will be sold this season, and we have bought to supply our customers—

Cocoanuts, Oranges, Apples, Mixed Nuts, Candies, Cakes, Firecrackers, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fancy Goods and Everything.

We get the best prices for your Turkeys and Eggs. Enough said. Come along.

T. D. LOVE,
24 North Water Street.

Steamer for Fayetteville Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers, freight and towage. For rates apply to T. D. LOVE, General Agent.
dec 12 tf

-:-XMAS GOODS-:-

35 Barrels Nice Apples.
3,500 C. C. Nuts.
25 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Boxes Cal. New Crop L. L. Raisins.
25 Tubs "Blue Ribbon" Bk'n Candy.
150 Pails and Boxes Candy.
5,000 Old Va. Cheroots. Three for five cents.

And other goods in my line. Get prices.

D. L. GORE,
Wholesale Grocer,
nov 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

When You Want a Nice Xmas

Present for a Gentleman, Don't Forget Your Old Friend

HAMME, THE HATTER,
No. 26 North Front street.
Latest styles and lowest prices is his motto.
dec 12 tf

A Terrible Accident.

A man shot himself fooling with a gun not properly repaired. Why not send your Guns, Pistols and Locks to us for repairs.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

strictly by an expert Gun and Lock Smith. Keys fitted at your residence.

Agent for the Benbow Automatic Gas Lamp. Cost half a cent an hour.

BICYCLES FOR SALE CHEAP. BICYCLE SUNDRIES.

Carolina Bicycle Shop.

C. H. O'BERRY, Prop.
dec 8 tf tu th sa No. 16 Market street.

- - CIGARS. - -

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,

Representing Powell, Smith & Co. We are distributors for their

El Capitan General, 10c.
Union League Club, - 10c.
Cuban Blossom, ---- 5c.
Renown, ---------- 5c.
Santa Bama, ------ 5c.

"War Eagle," "Old Glory" and "Match It" Cheroots.

No matter how fine or how cheap a dealer's trade may be, the above brands are not to be surpassed. Give the smokers a chance at them and they will sell rapidly. There are all kinds of goods, but the brands mentioned will whip the others to death. We are also dealers in all grades

... TOBACCO ...

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
PROVISIONS.

dec 10 tf

Crockery,

GLASSWARE, &c.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR

Libbey's Celebrated

Cut Glass

Our Motto, NO FANCY PRICES, will Be strictly carried out. And is a Safe Guarantee to you that you are Buying right.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.

nov 26 tf

WE HAVE EVERYTHING NICE AND FRESH FOR THANKSGIVING. REMEMBER US AS WE SHALL REMEMBER THE POOR.

PALACE BAKERY.

nov 29 tf

Bagging & Ties.

Nuts, Candies, Raisins, Cocoanuts and Apples,

and a full line of

HEAVY GROCERIES.

For sale cheap by

WILLIAMS BROS.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS.
16 and 18 North Water street.
Write for Prices. dec 10 tf

IT IS A MISTAKE

As stated in yesterday's "Messenger," that there are no Business Houses FOR RENT. One of the most desirable stores in the city, now occupied by Fishblate Clothing Company,

will be vacant from Oct. 1st.

sep 26 tf tu th sa

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Election of officers.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

WM. M. POISSON, Secretary.
dec 12 1t

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday. $5.00 a year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days $3.50; one week, $1.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $50.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festival's, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON. N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 12.

BUNGLING FINANCIERS.

The financial question is one in which every person in this country is more or less interested; it is one that ought to be deliberately considered so that all the light possible might be thrown upon it, and it ought not to be looked upon as a partisan measure to be decided by partisan votes, but as a broad, national question, to be dealt with from a purely patriotic and business standpoint. Such a question, upon the proper treatment of which the prosperity of this country depends, cannot be satisfactorily settled in a hurry, and yet the Republican majority in the House of Representatives proposes to rush through in a week the bill agreed upon by the Republican caucus.

They call this a currency bill, and they profess a desire to provide the people with more currency to meet the extraordinary demands at certain times, but instead of being a bill to provide more currency it is really a bill to contract the volume of paper money and give the people less than they have now. The probabilities are that a majority of the men who in caucus agreed to support the House bill as it came from the Finance committee didn't fully comprehend it if they even gave it a serious thought. They let the members of the committee do the thinking for them and then they went into caucus and endorsed the work of the committee, as the party leaders had previously agreed upon.

That this is a bill to contract rather than to expand the paper currency is clearly shown by the following, which we clip from the New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*, a non-partisan paper which discusses questions of this kind from a business and financial standpoint. Speaking of the proposed action on the denomination of notes it says:

"An example of the pernicious tendency of legislators to meddle with matters that should be left to adjust themselves is to be found in the provision of the Senate Finance bill that no National bank note of less than $10 shall be circulated. There is no good reason for this, and there are substantial reasons averse to it, both in the nature of a bank circulation and in the present relation of the condition of the currency to the public convenience.

"The purpose appears to be to force the silver certificates into circulation. An earlier section of the bill provides that there shall be no United States or Treasury notes for less than $10, nor any silver certificates for more than $10. But efforts to force the silver certificates into circulation are entirely superfluous. These notes are now in constant circulation. Of $400,000,000 of silver certificates only $5,000,000 are in the Treasury. Evidently, the volume of certificates could be considerably increased without creating an over-supply. The Senate bill proposes to substitute silver certificates for Treasury notes, but this would not increase the aggregate circulation, and it is palpable that the circulation is not now increasing as the demand for it.

"Nor is there any more reason for retiring the smaller notes of other sorts in order to make room for the small silver certificates to be issued according to this bill in exchange for larger ones. For months past there has been a pressing demand for small notes; the Treasury has had difficulty in supplying this demand. The large transactions are those the greatest percentage of which are effected without money; with checks and drafts. An increase of business that demands loudly a greater supply of currency calls chiefly for small notes because it is in retail transactions that an increase of business is most nearly accompanied by an increased need of currency. It is the small notes that are out of banks most, because it is they that constitute most of the money in the pockets of customers and in the tills of retail merchants. The present activity of trade has therefore called for a larger supply of small notes than the Treasury could easily fill even by exchanging small for large notes.

"But there is a further reason against this limitation upon the denominations of National bank notes. How are the banks going to get their notes into circulation unless they are permitted to supply the varieties which their customers require? This very bill recognizes the desirability of increasing the National bank circulation. It permits the banks to issue notes to the face value of their deposited bonds, and it reduces the tax on circulation, upon the theory that there ought to be a larger bank currency, and then it erects a formidable barries against an increase of circulation, and even against the maintanance of the present circulation. The $5 bill is the one most advantageous to the banks, the one they can most economically circulate. People can easily get $5 bills changed; they cannot easily get $10 bills changed in places where the amount of business is small.

"The report of the Comptroller of the Currency a year ago showed that of all the notes issued to National banks, including those under $5 and over $100, which are no longer issued, almost 56 per cent. in number consisted of fives. Of the entire amount of National bank currency then outstanding more than 30 per cent. in value was in fives. This shows what the abolition of five-dollar notes would mean to the National banks. It is remarkable that such a provision should have been incorporated in a bill which purports to desire an increase of the bank circulation.

"The public convenience should control the denominations in which money is to be issued, and this is just as true of bank notes as it is of Government notes, unless the bank notes are an evil, to be curtailed and restrained. On the contrary, both the Senate and House bills purport to regard the bank notes with favor and to desire an increase of their circulation."

Everybody knows how great the demand was last Fall for small notes, a demand which could be supplied neither by the U. S. Treasury, nor the banks in the Eastern cities, and yet the kind of currency which the country most needs and is apt to most need at any time instead of being increased is to be diminished. This cannot be to force the silver certificates into circulation, for they are already in circulation, and passing current everywhere; it can't be to increase the national bank issues, for it prohibits the issuing of the denominations that would most readily become current, and destroys those of such denominations that are now current. The effect if not the intention of this will be to contract the volume of currency by eliminating national bank and Treasury notes of less than ten dollars denomination, and thus make money more valuable and enable the money lenders to get higher interest rates. That will be the effect whether it be the intention or not.

Practically it makes the people dependent upon the silver certificates with which to transact the ordinary business where payment is made in cash, while the country is suffering for notes of small denominations now, and reduces the volume of notes to the extent that the $5 notes and others of less denomination are suppressed.

If the silver certificates did not pass current and they were divising this method to force them into circulation there might be some reason for this tabooing of other notes of small denominations. But this is not the case, for those certificates are in free circulation and are as readily taken as coin or bank notes. As there does not appear to be any other reason for it, we must come to the conclusion that the gentlemen who drafted this bill either didn't fully comprehend what they were doing, or were manipulated by the men who are interested in keeping down the volume of currency.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

Some of the protection organs do not like President McKinley's recommendation for free trade with Porto Rico and with Cuba, as embraced in the following extract from the message:

"It must be borne in mind that since the cession of Porto Rico she has been denied the principal markets she had long enjoyed, and our tariffs have been continued against her products as when she was under Spanish sovereignty. The markets of Spain are closed to her products, except upon terms to which the commerce of all nations is supjected. Cuba, which used to buy her cattle and tobacco without customs dusies, now imposes the same duties upon these products as from any other country entering her ports. She has therefore lost her free intercourse with Spain and Cuba without any compensating benefits to this market. Her coffee was little known and not in use by our people, and therefore there was no demand here for this one of her chief products. The market of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free access to our markets."

Exception is taken to this as virtually giving away the whole protective system, and some of them go so far as to warn Mr. McKinley that he had better go slow on that line, for if the people of the country get the idea into their heads that protection is only for the manufacturer, it will be bad for the protective tariff. As to Cuba, there may be some difference of opinion as to whether it if entitled to the same consideration as Porto Rico, but he gives very plausible reasons for his recommendations. Logically all that is said as to Porto Rico applies to the Philippines which, if the expansion game wins, will be as much American territory as Porto Rico is, and it will be hard to give a good reason why free trade should not be the order with them as well as with Porto Rico or Cuba. That's the right thing to do with all of them, but we venture the opinion that if such a measure be introduced in Congress there will be some lusty kicking by the fruit growers on the Pacific, and in the South who will have to compete with the fruit-growers, tobacco growers, &c., of those islands.

Dr. Bull's COUGH SYRUP

Cures Croup and Whooping-Cough

Unexcelled for Consumptives. Gives quick, sure results. Refuse substitutes.

Dr. Bull's Pills cure Biliousness. Trial, 20 for 25.

DENUDING THE FORESTS

We have frequently published in these columns articles from Northern papers showing how the Northern forests have been and are being stripped of merchantable timber, and urging the people of that section to give more attention to husbanding their timber. The following on this line is clipped from the New York *Sun*:

"Minnesota is our last great source of white pine lumber, and its supply will be exhausted within the next five years if the present rate of consumption continues. The greatest staple in our lumber market seems destined to disappear. Maine, once the white pine State, ceased long ago to be a source of supply. The Michigan pineries were nearly exhausted five years ago, and the lumbermen of Wisconsin say they expect to cut the last white pine in that State this winter on the Chippewa river.

"The disappearance of so large an industry will be a national misfortune. Only a few years ago there we eighty large saw mills in Fond du Lac, Eau Claire and Marathon, Wisconsin towns; but now all have disappeared, and the men who worked in connection with them have had to change their business or seek employment in other lumber regions. More than 15,000 men are cutting white pine in Minnesota this winter, and their wages amount to more than $450,000 a month. About 20,000 men are employed in the sawmills of Minneapolis, and over 40,000 men in the State make their living out of the lumber industry. They know that in a few years more they must find other work, and many talk already of following their present employers to the Pacific coast, where some of them are acquiring large interests in the timber lands of Washington, Oregon and California. Thus an army of axemen will have crossed the continent, laying low the greatest pineries of the country.

"Thus far it has not paid Pacific lumbermen to send much of their product East, so their surplus has been sent to foreign markets. But when we begin to draw more largely upon the Southern pines and Northern spruce and hemleck it will certainly be profitable to send Pacific lumber to the Eastern markets.

"There is for us no serious prospect of a lumber famine. The United States will continue to beat the world in variety, excellence and abundance of its timber available for sawing. But we shall use a good deal of soft lumber not so desirable as white pine.

"This country should beigin in earnest the study of methods of husbanding and cultivating our timber, so that we may always have an abundance. Lumber is wealth and it is comfort."

What is here said about white pine is equally true of soft woods such as are used for making paper pulp, walnut, hickory, white oak, on all of which heavy drains have been made, and some of which, walnut for instance, have almost disappeared from sections where they were once abundant. One of such trees now is worth what an acre could have been purchased for some years ago.

Some of the lumber men are looking to the Pacific slope and buying for future operations when the advanced price of lumber will justify freighting it across the continent. Others have turned their attention Southward, and have bought up large tracts, amounting in the aggregate to many millions of acres. They are still buying wherever they find what they want and can get it for what they offer, which is, generally speaking, a trifle compared the value of the property secured. We have frequently called attention to these facts and urged our people who own timber lands, to hold on to them, or if they sell to sell only as much as may be necessary, and then insist on getting a reasonably fair equivalent for what they sell. Merchantable timber will be a valuable possession in years to come.

CURRENT COMMENT.

——The death-roll of American officers in Mr. McKinley's war is a concrete reminder of the awful penalty he has compelled the nation to pay for his abrupt transition from treating Aguinaldo and his followers as allies and from saluting the flag of the Filipino Republic to treating them as rebels and bandits, unworthy even of a chance to explain what they wanted and to hear what they might expect.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— Although armed with ample power to search out rascality in New York city affairs, the Mazet Investigating Committee, which has decided to hold no more sessions, was pitifully impotent in its efforts to uncover wrongdoing in high official places. The committee had its own set of partisan robbers and scoundrels to protect, it seems, and hence the absurd and abortive outcome of its jughandled inquiries.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— There seems to be no longer any doubt that a gigantic trust, with a capital of $200,000,000, is being formed for the purpose of controlling the output of automobiles, tires and bicycles. It is said to be rapidly nearing consummation. In the opinion of this large amount of capital, then, both the bicycle and the automobile have not only "come to stay," but have become recognized factors in the country's industrial and social life, so that there will always be a great demand for them.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Dem.*

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

Get the benefit of the cheap Christmas rates and two weeks tickets by the Seaboard Air Line. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. S. J. Black, a well known and prosperous farmer, living near Sardis church, died suddenly Friday night at his home.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: The labor problem grows in gravity. Never, in a score of years has labor been so scarce. Yesterday, if there was one person trying to hire some one to cut wood at the house, there were a dozen or more. Carpenters to do odd jobs, cannot be had for love or money. Cooks, washerwomen and domestic servants generally, are scarce, the demand exceeding the supply.

— Lincoln *Journal*: Henry Johnson, the unfortunate Long Shoals man, who some weeks ago made a desperate attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat, made another attempt Sunday and succeeded. He had about recovered from the terrible wounds he inflicted upon his throat in his first attempt, and early Monday morning slipped away from home. He was tracked to the river. Although the river was dragged continously his body was not found until Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock, about a mile below Long Shoals.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Mr. Frank Hanes, whose mind has been impaired for some time, was brought to Winston last evening from his home near Clemmonsville. He was to be carried to the hospital at Morganton this morning, but on account of the delay of the train leaving for Greensboro, he was placed in jail. He will be carried away on Monday. Mr. Hanes went to the office of Glenn & Manly and wanted to swear out a rit of habeas corpus, thinking by so doing he would be released. He claimed that the people were continually reading his thoughts and intefering with his business. At one time Mr. Hanes owned considerable property.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Private J. J. Watts a son of Mr. Joel Watts, of this country, was arrested yesterday for desertion. He belonged to Company G, Fourth Artillery, stationed at Washington. He left and has been in this neighborhood for some time. Chief Orr received notice yesterday morning to look out for and arrest him. Learning of his whereabouts, he sent Officers Black and Bradley after him. They brought him in and will keep him under lock and key until further orders. Mr. Watts had two years and ten months service ahead of him. When he gets back he will have five years and a dishonorable discharge.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Not since the great fire of 1889 has Smithfield witnessed a more destructive conflagration than was that early Tuesday morning, when the stemmery of the Smithfield Tobacco Warehouse Company went up in smoke. The building was occupied by the Woodard Tobacco Company. This concern lost its books, office furniture, &c., and over 100,000 pounds of tobacco. Mr. J. T. Hart also lost a large stock of tobacco which was stored therein. The Woodard Tobacco Company, we understand, is partially protected by insurance. The owners of the building carried $3,000.

TWINKLINGS.

— Frequently—"Pa, what is a drawn battle?" "It is one in which the enemy has rather the best of it."—*Puck.*

— Worse: "Do you think Congressman Roberts is guilty of bigamy, Aunt Melissa? He's guilty of trigonometry.—*Chicago Record.*

— Teacher (to class)—"What is an octopus?" Small Boy (who has just commenced to take Latin, eagerly)—"Please sir; I know, sir; it's an eight sided cat."—*Life*

— Sam—"I s'pose dem dog shows is good enough, but dey cud be made a heap more interestin'." Pete—"How?" Sam—"Why cudn't dey have dog fights?"—*Puck.*

— "You say he didn't get into office honestly?" "So I understand. I'm told that the voters who didn't demand cash in advance never got a cent from him."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— "Spreader pawned his overcoat to get canvas to paint a picture." "Did he sell the picture?" "Yes, what he got for it just enabled him to get his overcoat back."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "That cook asked if we had hardwood floors." "What did you tell her, Jack?" "I didn't answer her at all. How could I guess whether she wanted them, or didn't want them."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "A political office now-days," said Uncle Eben, "is a good deal like a street car. 'Tain' much use ter stir de neighborhood up gettin' out an' tryin' to chase it. Jes' stan' still wid yoh fare in yoh han', wait till it comes aroun' convenient an' den git abo'hd."—*Washington Star.*

— "I am ninety-eight years old!" he insisted. Of course we laughed him to scorn. "How," we retorted, "if you are as old as you say, does it happen that you cannot read fine print without the aid of spectacles?" Whereupon the fellow, perceiving that his imposture was discovered, broke down and confessed that he was only eighty-three.—*Detroit Journal.*

—— The attention given in foreign parts to the utterances of the president shows how for the United States has advanced in becoming a world power. What we do or intend to do is now of great importance in all parts of the globe.—*Mobile Register Dem.*

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worse form of slavery. George D. Williams of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other. †

Special Christmas privileges to College Students by the Seaboard Air Line. Tickets good for three weeks if bought December 15th, at one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 15th to 21st, inclusive, good until January 24th, inclusive. †

An Artist's Ideal.

He Was Carried Away by Her Artistic Beauty, and She Was Carried Away by Another Man.

Nathan Carter was going as fast as a car would take him to offer himself and his fortune to Miss Nellie Clendennin, but the face that haunted him as he rolled along was not Miss Clendennin's. It was a face of great beauty, a young, serious face, with wide dark blue eyes and a tenderly curved red mouth. Only a dream face, but at two and thirty Nathan Carter was a bachelor because of it.

Carter was an artist. Innumerable times he had essayed to paint the face, but the eyes had always eluded him. There was something in their depths that mocked him.

"Pshaw! What a fool I am!" He gathered himself together with a jerk. The jerk terminated in a jump, for there at the window of the Markview hotel was the face, framed in furs and feathers and looking down wistfully into the street.

He left the car as soon as it turned the corner and hastened back to the Markview. The face was gone, but even as he looked a lady and gentleman descended the steps to a carriage that awaited them. The lady was very young, slender and graceful, and for one moment those wonderful eyes met and held his. Then she was hurried into the carriage by her companion, a tall, fine looking, gray haired man, evidently her father.

Carter heard the order, "To the Tenth street depot!" and in a few minutes was clattering after them. He found them in the great, domed waiting room evidently in trouble, for the girl looked distressed and her father much flurried. Carter bought a paper at the newsstand near by and dallied over it.

"I can't send any one for it," the gentleman was saying. "I must go back myself—and leave you, my dear."

"Indeed, indeed, I don't mind," cried the girl in silver sweet tones. "We have 20 minutes yet and that is time enough if you go at once. I will wait for you just here. Hurry!" She gave him a little push and, tumbling his several packages into her arms, he rushed away.

"Great heavens, I can't lose her now!" muttered Carter in despair. "If only I knew her name or where they are bound. Is there no way—no way?"

The girl walked toward the window and, one of her parcels slipping from her arms in her endeavor to recover it, the remainder were scattered on the floor. Carter gathered them up in a twinkling and offered to tie up one which had escaped its fastening. He seated himself beside his dream and when she had said "Thank you," he could not summon fortitude to leave her.

"She hasn't had time to be frozen into conventionality," thought Carter. "I will risk it and speak to her. It is now or never."

He leaned over and spoke rapidly, earnestly and with convincing eloquence.

"I saw you at the hotel. Do you know I have been seeking for you ten years? Your face came to me in a dream and I have never despaired of finding you until today. I was going—no matter where, but I saw you. I could find no way to speak to you, so I followed you here, hoping against hope. If you knew how your face has haunted me you would forgive me. Fortune has favored me with these few moments, do not be so cruel as to deny me the privilege of speaking! How could I see you go out of my reach without making an effort, even at the risk of being considered ungentlemanly! Will you not tell me that you are not angry?"

The wide blue eyes looked earnestly into the face bent over her, so dark and eager, so full of pleading.

"You saw us at the hotel?" she asked.

"Yes, I saw you with your father, but you know I could not speak to you there. It was just as you were leaving. See, here is my card. I have traveled a great deal, perhaps some of your friends may know me. You are not angry? You think this is surely something more than mere chance? I have loved your face so long, I know its every feature. Do you hate me for my presumption?"

The girl's soft eyes fell.

"I saw you when we came out of the hotel, and I—I like you," she said very softly.

The blood leaped to Carter's cheeks and he lifted his hand impetuously, but let it fall again. Her very innocence was her protection, and he only touched the hem of her cape reverently.

"We have such a short time! Tell me where you are going, where I can see you again. I will find a way, if it is to the ends of the earth. I cannot lose you again. I have sought you so long; whenever I have traveled I have sought in vain for that beautiful dream face that has been my inspiration. And you were a little child growing up into perfection? It is not mere chance that we have met today, and we must not lose each other. Will you tell me where I can find you?"

The girl glanced at the clock.

"Yes," she said shyly, the color coming and going in her cheeks. "We are going to New York and shall stop at the Waldorf. Come there and I will see you."

"Whom shall I ask"— he was beginning, but she held up a warning hand.

"We must not let him know," she whispered, as the tall gentleman, red and breathless, rushed up to them.

"Here we are, dear," she said, smiling, in her silvery sweet voice. "I haven't been alone. I have met an old friend, Allen Carter. Allow me to introduce you. Mr. Carter, this is my husband."

"Very happy, very happy, indeed, Mr. Carter," flustered the gentleman, as he shook the rigid hand extended to him. The bell clanged loudly, and he seized the girl's arm and hurried her breathlessly away.

She looked back over her shoulder and smiled, bewitchingly, significantly.

"Do not forget your lesson," she said softly.

Carter had walked many miles before the crash of the elements subsided and his brain settled into something like its usual calm. He and Nellie Clendennin were married six weeks later.—Cincinnati Herald.

Decollete.

She had been unable to attend the ball, and he had gone alone. Naturally she was anxious to know something about it.

"You saw Mrs. Wilkins?" she said inquiringly.

"I did," he answered.

"How was she dressed?" she asked.

"I saw only Mrs. Wilkins," he replied.—Washington Star.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—126 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—982 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 12 barrels rosin, 155 barrels tar, 40 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—214 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 143 barrels rosin, 80 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—241 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—87 bales cotton.

Steamer Driver—7 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 154 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Seabright—33 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 15 barrels tar.

Schr Ruth Darling—2 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 1,690 bales; spirits turpentine, 78 casks; rosin, 255 barrels; tar, 417 barrels; crude turpentine, 52 barrels.

The East Carolina Real Estate Agency offers for sale the timber on a tract of land on North East River. It includes over one million feet of fine Cypress timber. See advertisement. †

NEW USE FOR TELEPHONES.

Modern Improvements Have a Very Refining Influence.

The lid had been insecurely fastened over a coal hole in the sidewalk, and the man with canvas shoes and a Prince Albert coat had got very much entangled. He stood and panted for a minute. Then he looked at the coal hole and began to shout at the top of his voice.

"Whoop!" he yelled. "Well, well! Hello, hello! Well! Hello! Whoop!"

The policeman who came running up exclaimed:

"What's the matter here? What are you making all this noise about?"

"Was it pretty bad?"

"I should say so."

"Well, it might have been a heap worse. We are living in an era of refining influences, and I'm proud to say I have been benefited by them."

"Who're you hollering at down in that coal hole?"

"Nobody. I was merely giving expression to my overcharged feelings. I used to be one of the profanest men when I got mad that ever trailed blue fire through a vocabulary. But some time ago I had a telephone put in my office. You know how a man feels when he has stood for a few minutes at a telephone with the wires crossed and every second precious. You can imagine what I felt like saying. But I didn't dare. I just had to stand there and holler 'Hello!' and it occurred to me that 'Hello!' was about as good a thing to say when your emotions overpower you as anything else. So I cultivated the hello habit, and it has worked beautifully. There is no doubt of it. We live in an era of progression, and the telephone is one of the greatest refining influences of the day if you only know how to use it."—Washington Star.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	6½@	6¾
Standard	16½@	6¾
Burlaps	5 @	5½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12½@	15
Sides ℔ ℔	5½@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	6
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	5½@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	5¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 15 @	1 20
New New York, each	@	1 30
New City, each	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	@	25
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	21 @	25
Northern	27 @	30
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	@	47½
Virginia Meal	@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18 @	22
Adamantine	8 @	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	16 @	18
Dairy Cream	@	18
State	14 @	15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	12½@	13
Rio	7 @	10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s	@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	17 @	18
FISH—		
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75 @	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	2 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
" Extra	4 35 @	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—		
Low grade	@	3 00
Choice	@	3 50
Straight	3 90 @	4 00
First Patent	4 25 @	4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔	12½@	15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52 @	52½
Car-load, in bgs—White	@	50
Oats, from store	38 @	40
Oats, Rust Proof	@	45
Cow Peas	60 @	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—		
Green salted	@	6½
Dry flint	10 @	12½
Dry salt	@	9
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s		
Clover Hay	85 @	90
Rice Straw	40 @	50
Eastern	80 @	85
Western	80 @	85
North River	80 @	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½@	4
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½@	6
North Carolina	8 @	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15 @	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Sanatling and Board, com'n	14 00 @	15 00
Common mill	5 00 @	6 50
Fair mill	6 50 @	8 00
Prime mill	8 50 @	10 00
Extra mill	10 00 @	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hogshead	@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels	@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28 @	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25 @	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12 @	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14 @	15
Syrup, in barrels	15 @	25
NAILS, ℔ keg. Cut, 60d basis	2 50 @	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	10 00 @	10 50
Rump	@	9 50
Prime	@	9 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum	@	1 25
Liverpool	83 @	85
American	73 @	85
On 125 ℔ Sacks	@	32½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00 @	8 50
Common	1 00 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¼@	5½
Standard A	4¾@	5
White Extra C	@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	@	4¾
C, Yellow	@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00 @	10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50 @	9 75
Mill, Fair	6 50 @	7 00
Common Mill	5 00 @	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50 @	5 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50 @	8 50
" Sap	5 00 @	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00 @	3 50
" Sap	2 00 @	2 50
6x24 Heart	6 00 @	6 50
" Sap	5 00 @	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	1 00
WOOL per ℔—Unwashed	14 @	15

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Brig M C Haskell, 277 tons, Wingfield, Punta Gorda, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Brig Caroline Gray, 311 tons, Meader, Arecibo, Porto Rico, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Schooner Charlotte W. Miller, 248 tons, Higbee, New York, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Schooner Alma, 152 tons, Small, Ponce, Porto Rico, George Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Clyde steamship Saginaw—300 bales cotton, 333 bbls spirits, 11 bbls rosin, 1,381 bbls tar, 110 bbls crude, 160,719 feet lumber, 140 bbls pitch, 94 cases cotton goods, 80,000 shingles, 252 pkgs mdse, 50 bales deer tongue, 50 bales warp; vessel by H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 12, 1899.

STEAMSHIPS.

Astrea (Br), 2,110 tons, Barry, Brackenburg, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ormesby (Br), 1,828 tons, Robinson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Haslingden (Br), 1,220 tons, Higgins, E Peschau & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Alma, 152 tons, Small, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Charlotte W Miller, 248 tons, Higbee, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Antonio (Itl), 499 tons, Cafiero, Heide & Co.

Johannee (Nor), 473 tons, Thorsen, H K Nash, for Paterson, Downing & Co.

Colin Archer, (Nor.), 639 tons, Martinsen, Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

Caroline Gray, 311 tons, Meader, George Harriss, Son & Co.

M C Haskell, 277 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Scrubbing Floors

can never be made a pleasing pastime, but one-half the labor will be saved and the results improved by using Gold Dust Washing Powder.

Send for free booklet—"Golden Rules for Housework."

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY

Chicago St. Louis New York Boston

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 11.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per barrel for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.50 per barrel for hard, $2.80 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36¾@36¼c; rosin firm at 97½@$1.02½; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30@2.00, $2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	78
Rosin	355
Tar	417
Crude turpentine	52

Receipts same day last year.—81 casks spirits turpentine, 233 bbls rosin, 349 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13

******SPECIALS OFFERED.

Taylor's Bazaar, 118 Market street.

A Ladies' Dollar Kid Glove, in white, black or tan, with two clasps, only 75c per pair.
Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O'shanta crown, with quill, only 50c.
Long Quills, all colors, only 5c.
Five dozen Trimmed black Felt Alpines, 25c.
Rough Brim Straw Sailors, Trimmed ready to wear, 25c.
300 Corsets in all styles, in price upward from $.00.
Ten dozen Ladies' Muslin Gowns, with tucks, full size and nicely made, only 50c.

Just received a new lot of

Trimmed Millinery.

DON'T FORGET our new Toy Department at 108 Market street.

Taylor's Bazaar.

nov 26 tf

$600 Worth . . . of Drummers' Millinery Samples on sale at

THE LOT CONSISTS OF . . . .

THE BEE HIVE.

All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c. We Bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections If you look you will buy at

THE BEE HIVE, W. H. GAYLORD, Prop.

JUST OPENED UP, EVERYTHING NEW.

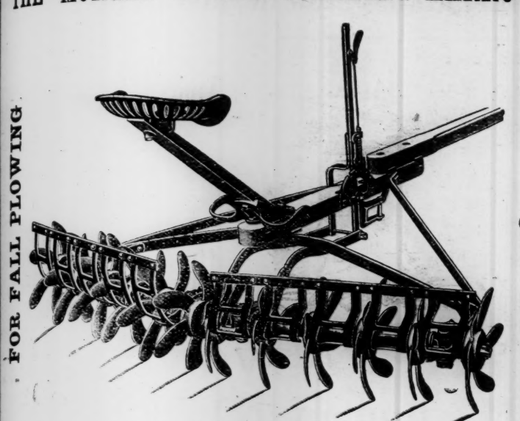
W. H. GAYLORD'S New Clothing Department is the place to go to get anything that Men or Boys wear. We have just gotten in a fine new line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Underwear, Mackintoshes, Umbrellas, &c.

Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

W. H. GAYLORD.

nov 10 tf

THE MORGAN PATENT SPADING HARROW.



FOR FALL PLOWING

Guaranteed to give Satisfaction.

Especially if the soil be heavy or packed by rains, the Spading Harrow will show its great superiority over all others. For deep and fine cultivation no other Harrow equals it.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,
Purcell Building, Wilmington, N. C.

nov 16 tf

Holiday - - Goods

TO SUIT EVERYBODY.

Now ready for your inspection in every department. New goods are being opened every day, and special preparation is being made for the increased demand for—

COMMON SENSE . . . .
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

P. S.---Time spent at our store IS NOT LOST. Money spent is well invested.

dec 10 tf

RHEUMACIDE

CURES

RHEUMATISM

TO STAY CURED.

All Druggists. **Price $1.**

For sale in Wilmington by R. R. BELLAMY, Wholesale and Retail Druggist.

nov 28 1y tu th ss

SEABOARD AIR LINE S.A.L.

VESTIBULED LIMITED TRAINS.

DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE

TO ALL POINTS

North, South and Southwest.

Schedule in Effect Nov. 5, 1899.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington daily at 3:05 P. M., Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:40 P. M., Hatton 6:12 P. M., Laurinburg 6:24 P. M., arriving at Hamlet 6:55 P. M., where connection is made with trains for Charlotte, Athens, Atlanta and all points South, Southeast and Southwest. Also with trains for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Through sleeping cars from Hamlet to Washington and Atlanta; also through sleeping car to Portsmouth.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 5:02 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 7:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 2:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:32 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Lumberton 9:46 A. M., Marion 9:00 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 . M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 . M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:32 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:24 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Ruther fordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 5:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 8:30 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7:40 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M. Arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M. Arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

All trains daily except Nos. 17 and 18.

Trains make immediate connections at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, Texas, California, Mexico, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Macon, Florida.

For speed, safety and comfort travel by the Seaboard Air Line

For further information, sleeping car reservations, etc., apply to Thos. D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C., or to your nearest Ticket Agent.

E. ST. JOHN,
Vice President and General Manager.

V. E. McBEE, Gen'l Superintendent.
H. W. B. GLOVER, Traffic Mang'r.
H. S. ALLEN, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
General Offices Portsmouth Va. nov 7 tf

THE

Clyde Steamship Co.

NEW YORK, WILMINGTON, N. C., AND GEORGETOWN, S. C.

Lines.

From New York.

RICHMOND.....Saturday, Dec. 9
SAGINAW.....Saturday, Dec. 16
RICHMOND.....Saturday, Dec. 23

For New York.

SAGINAW.....Saturday, Dec. 9
RICHMOND.....Saturday, Dec. 16
SAGINAW.....Saturday, Dec. 23

For Georgetown.

RICHMOND.....Tuesday, Dec. 12
SAGINAW.....Tuesday, Dec. 19

☞ Through Bills Lading and Lowest Through Rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

For Freight or Passage apply to
H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt.,
Wilmington, N. C.

THEO. G. EGER, T. M., Bowling Green, N. Y.
WM. P. CLYDE & CO., General Agents, Bowling Green, N. Y. dec 7 tf

---

Resented.

Startled Housewife—Get away from here, you scarecrow!

Dismal Dawson—I ain't no scarecrow. I jist traded clothes with one, that's all. —Indianapolis Journal.

Uses of Literature.

"What is your idea of 'hammock literature,' Aleck?"

"Any book that's big enough to keep the flies off my face."—Chicago Record.

As a Matter of Fact, There Isn't.

"I see there is a corset trust now."

"Yes, the octopus will soon have in its grasp everything most dear to man."—Indianapolis Journal.

As a Souvenir.

Mrs. Benham—This is my first pie.

Benham—Don't you think it would be nicer to keep it than to eat it?—New York World.

BABY'S BIRTH

Is looked forward to with expectations of joy and gladness. The ordeal of bringing the little one into the world, however, is a critical one for the mother-to-be, and her anticipations of the coming event are shadowed with gloom. Half the pain and all the danger of child-birth can be entirely avoided by the use of "MOTHER'S FRIEND," a scientific liniment of priceless value to all women. Sold by all druggists at one dollar per bottle.

A booklet, giving all details, will be sent free by Bradfield Regulator Company, Atlanta, Ga.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

The Murchison National Bank.

Commenced Business March 1st, 1899.

Capital, - - - - $200,000
Net Profits, - - - 15,000

Deposits Nov. 7th, $353,835.18, every dollar of which is secured by Two Dollars, as follows:

ASSETS.

Cash in vault and in other banks	$368,830.50
Secured loans and discounts	288,949.72
U. S bonds and other cash assets	16,850.00
Stockholders' liability	200,000.00
	$768,630.22

Besides the security, we offer to patrons polite and careful attention, and all reasonable accommodation.

Foreign Exchange bought and sold.

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

dec 9 tf

Holiday Goods.

Mixed Nuts, Cocoanuts, Mixed Candy and Plain. Raisins of fine quality.

Selling at Low Prices.

We also have Seed Oats, Seed Wheat and a complete line of Heavy Groceries.

Lowest Prices for Quality.

The Worth Company.

dec 7 tf

--SCOTLAND HOTEL--

LOCATED IN GIBSON, IN THE NEW COUNTY OF SCOTLAND.

On Railroad street, conveniently to both railroads.

LARGE AIRY AND WELL FURNISHED ROOMS.

Rates, $2.00 per day. Reduction for periods of one week or longer.

Mrs. IRVING ROBINSON.
Proprietress,

aug 17 tf D&W GIBSON, N. C.

---

200 Boxes Tobacco.

400 Boxes Lye.
240 Boxes Laundry Soap.
50 Barrels Rice.
25 Barrels Vinegar.
25 Half Barrels Cider.
50 Barrels Molasses.
100 Boxes Potted Ham.
50 Boxes Corned Beef.
100 Boxes Starch.
50 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
50 Bags Cocoanuts.
100 Barrels Mullets.

Tobacco, Cigars, Cheroots and quantities of other goods.

SAMUEL BEAR, Sr.,

nov 26 tf No. 12 Market street.

THE SONG OF FRENCH HISTORY.

She, with the plunging lightnings overshot,
With madness for an armor against pain,
With milkless breasts for little ones athirst
And round her all her noblest dying in vain.
Mother of reason fe she, trebly cursed,
To feel, to see, to justify the blow;
Chamber to chamber of her sequent brain
Gives answer of the cause of her great woe,
Inexorably echoing through the vaults:
"'Tis thus they reap in blood, in blood who sow.
This is the sum of self absolved faults."
Doubt not that through her brief, with sight supreme,
Through her delirium and despair's last dream,
Through pride, through bright illusion and the brood
Bewildering of her various motherhood,
The high strong light within her, though she bleeds,
Traces the letters of returned misdeeds.
She sees what seed long sown, ripened of late,
Bears this fierce crop, and she discerns her fate
From origin to agony, and on
As far as the wave washes long and wan
Off one disastrous impulse, for of waves
Our life is, and our deeds are pregnant graves
Blown rolling to the sunset from the dawn.
—George Meredith.

THE DESIRE TO JUMP.

An Unexpected Sensation Experienced by Many Persons.

Many persons who visit Niagara falls find they have a great desire to leap from various points on the several bridges or from one of the numerous points of observation. For this reason, after once having experienced the fascinating sensation that coaxes them on to death in the deep and rapid running waters, they never go near any of the seductive points without being in company with some one who will guard them from harm as a result of what perhaps might be termed by some their weakness.

Many people who have visited Niagara have confessed that the waters of the beautiful river had a weird fascination for them while standing at places where death would be easy by simply letting go one's hold and slipping into the river, and people saved from suicide there have admitted that they knew no reason why they should end their lives, but the scene was so delightful that it coaxed them to seek the peace of death there.

In other places than at Niagara the public comes in touch with folks who, when on an elevation, have a proneness to jump off, and for this reason they keep away from all such danger points. An interesting explanation of this desire is that given some years ago by Professor Low of the army balloon corps. He had frequently invited a newspaper correspondent to make an ascension with him, but each time the invitation was declined.

Later he told the professor of the temptation he had to jump from high places and that he feared making an ascent. For this he was laughed at, the professor stating that the reason people had such desires was that they were full of electricity; that the magnetic current in the earth was the attraction and that what he was standing on carried the current. He also said that up in a balloon the continuity was cut off. Finally the man made an ascension and found that the desire to jump was not present. It is a curious statement.—Philadelphia Record.

Drawing the Line.

"Imitation," said Uncle Eben, "may be de sincerest flattery. But de gemman at de bank has had folks put in jail foh takin dah pens in hand an tryin ter pay dat kin o' compliments."—Washington Star.

She Must Be Absentminded.

Cynic—What makes you have such unlimited confidence in your wife?

Cheerful—I gave her $10 to pay a bill of $4.69 for me, and she brought back all of the change.—Detroit Free Press.

Suspicious.

Miss Rich—I have grave doubts about the count's reputed wealth.

Miss Wise—Why?

Miss Rich—He has offered to have my diamonds reset.—Jewelers' Weekly.

STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans	$ 888,971.54
Overdrafts	8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000.00
Due from app'd res've ag'ts $ 78,160.26	
Due from other banks 169,160.99	
Cash on hand 79,381.51	327,652 78
Total	$1,322,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	101,784.40
Circulation	41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas. $ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks 307,693.55	
Deposits from individuals 731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit 85,000.00	1,024,408.71
Total	$1,322,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profits	78,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

☞ Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

Seasonable Goods.

MULLETS, new catch.
Best Cream Cheese,
Martin's Gilt Edge Butter,
Bagging and Ties.
SALT.

A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS IN DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.

Sole agents for Rob Roy FLOUR.

McNAIR & PEARSALL.

sep 10 tf

We have just received a large lot of Those Famous

Val Duttenhofer Shoes.

Spring Heel Lace, Spring Heel Button, In narrow, medium and manish toes for Misses—

Also in the latest shapes for ladies.

OUR MANISH SHOE IS ESPECIALLY MANISH.

Our line of School shoes, for Boys and Girls, is extensive, and we are

GIVING EXTRA VALUES

Our aim is always to give the best shoe possible, for the money; and to fit the feet perfectly.

Give us a trial and be convinced.

MERCER & EVANS.

63½ steps east from cor. Front and Princess. No. 115 Princess street. Dec 10 tf

---

Call this week

FOR

SPECIAL PRICES

ON

Pianos & Organs.

M. E. VANLAER,

nov 21 tf 402 and 404 North Fourth street tu th sa

BARIUM ROCK SPRING WATER,

(Old Poison Spring), is nature's specific for every form of skin disease and blood poison. It does not, like soap and ointment, merely destroy for a time the external signs, but goes to the root of the evil and drives out the poison in the blood which causes the eruptions to appear.

METHODIST PARSONAGE,
ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Oct. 14, 1898.

I can bear testimony to the great value of Barium Rock Spring Water for Eczema and other eruptive diseases of the skin. I have known MANY CASES CURED, some of them of the most stubborn character.

Truly, JESSE H. PAGE.

For sale in Wilmington by

JAS. D. NUTT.

nov 24 tf

—ORDERS SOLICITED—

For Christmas Goods.

Candies, Nuts, Raisins,
C. C. Nuts, Apples,
Cakes,
Fireworks, &c.

HALL & PEARSALL,
WHOLESALE GROCERS.

dec 6 tf

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned against harboring, or crediting on my account, a colored boy bound to me under the name of Willie Brewer, but commonly known as "Willie Wagner." He is short and thick set in stature and about 15 years old, and has lost index finger of right hand.

JOHN G WAGNER.

nov 21 tf D&W

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of Charles A. Foreman, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of November, A. D. 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. GEORGE E. FOREMAN,

nov 28 6w* tu Executor.

A SKILLED TRIO.

Call at No. 7 South Front street, where you will find E. W. Guion, Cornelius Davis and Henry Harris, three of the most accomplished Barbers in the city. Send your children to us to have their hair cut. Shave only 10 cents. Boys' haircut 20 cents.

oct 17 tf GUION & DAVIS.

New Meat Market.

This is to inform the many friends of Mr. Johnnie Hintz that he has completed arrangements to go into the Meat Business under the firm name of J. H. Hintz & Co., on stalls Nos. and 3, north side of Market House, formerly occupied by C. S. Garrell & Co., where by polite attention and dispatch he hopes for a full share of the patronage of his old friends.

J. H. HINTZ.

Inter-State 'Phone 336, Bell 'Phone 136.

sep 24 tf

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

East Carolina Real Estate Agency.

R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C

All classes of desirable Real Estate (city and country) bought and sold on Commission. Special attention to Farms and Timbered Lands.

We now offer the following valuable property:

Standing Timber

For sale, the timber on a tract of land near Bannermann's Bridge, North-East river, on tidewater. Over One Million feet of fine Cypress timber on this land.

Timbered Lands.

Two Hundred and Twenty-six acres on Roan's Island on Cape Fear river. Some valuable Cypress and Gum timber.

Eighty Acres Near Burgaw.

One 80-acre tract of Land within half mile of Burgaw. None cleared, but easily put in state of cultivation.

Valuable Farm near Greenville, N. C.

A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village, Pender county—25 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

Fifty Acres of Land

One-half mile from South Washington, on the W. & W. R. R., in Pender county. Borders on county roads. Very valuable for trucking.

Property in Burgaw.

Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 365 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington.

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,

R. G. GRADY & CO.,
Burgaw, N. C.

fe 7

ATLANTIC & YADKIN RAILWAY.

Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52.	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar.....Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 43 p m
12 42 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 35 p m
11 07 a m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv.....Rural Hall.....Lv	6 13 p m
9 45 a m	Lv.....Mt. Airy.....Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 54.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 55.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.....Maxton.....Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv.....Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv.....Hope Mills.....Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46		No. 47.

South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 30 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 38 a m
1 15 p m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.....Madison.....Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railrord, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agt.
mar 28 tf

Leading makes. Easy terms.

N. L. SMITH,

Bargains in New and Second Hand Pianos and Organs.

No. 109 Dock street. Representing Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House, No. 157 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Tuning, Repairing.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

aug 30 tf

CURE YOURSELF!

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles, $2.75. Circular sent on request.

Big G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 33 A. M., Goldsboro 12.26 P M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.06 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.55 P. M., Chadbourn 5.38 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.00 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.53 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11 33 A. M., Baltimore 1 46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg, 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.35 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY N. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 1.15 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville P. M. 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6'40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 58 A. M., Hope Mills 10.49 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 73, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 9 06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.03 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.53 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.08 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.23 A. M.; 5.38 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.34 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.30 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 3.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.39 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M., arrive Selma 3.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M. Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 1.31 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.30 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.52 P. M., arrive Wilson 3.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliotts 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
nov 19 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899. at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07

The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 12.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Proceedings Sunday and Monday—Memorial Services—Some of the Appointments—Adjourned Sine Die.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WASHINGTON, N. C., December 11.—Bishop Hendrix preached a powerful sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday morning on the "Personality of the Holy Spirit." Eight preachers were ordained. The bishop dedicated the church, after $450 was contributed to pay the floating debt. Memorial services were held at 2 P. M. Seven ministers died during the year, also several prominent laymen, including Mr. H. C. Wall, of Rockingham.

Rev. G. F. Smith conducted the opening services Monday morning.

February was designated as Raleigh's *Christian Advocate* month, to work for that paper.

The Orphanage committee of the last conference reported over $10,000 in hand. Mr. A. F. Page, the largest contributor, was reported dead. The conference convened at 7 P. M. and adjourned *sine die* after appointments were made. Among these were the following:

Wilmington district, R. F. Bumpass, presiding elder; Grace Church, J. N. Cole; Fifth Street, J. H. Hall; Market Street, J. W. Potter; Bladen Street, J. J. Porter.

Scott's Hill Circuit, E. S. Sell; Onslow, F. S. Becton; Jacksonville and Richlands, E. R. Welch; Magnolia, J. W. Wallace; Kenansville, W. E. Hocutt; Burgaw, J. W. Martin; Clinton, H. E. Tripp; Bladen, L. McHafin; Elizabethtown, C. T. Simmons; Whiteville, A. S. Barnes; Carver's, C. W. Smith; Waccamaw, D. F. Deloach; Atlantic, J. M. Marlow; Zion, T. J. Browning; Southport, R. W. Bailey; Goldsboro Station, F. D. Swindell.

Fayetteville District, B. R. Hall, presiding elder; Fayetteville station, W. L. Cunninggim.

Newbern District, W. S. Rone, P. E. Newbern station, R. B. John.

Rev. A. P. Tyer goes to Main Street Church, Durham, W. C. Norman to Trinity Church, Durham, B. B. Culbreth to Harrellsville.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Trial of A. J. Marshall Set for Monday Next—Gubernatorial Candidates. Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 11.—The trial of A. J. Marshall, attorney, of Wilmington, for counterfeiting, has been set for next Monday. A large number of witnesses have been summoned and the trial promises to be quite sensational. Mr. Marshall was here to-day with his attorney, Iredell Meares.

State Senator M. H. Justice, of Rutherford county, will to morrow in an interview in the *News and Observer* announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The prospects now are that Richmond Pearson will be the Republican nominee for Governor. He is an avowed candidate and very anxious for the nomination. Judge Spencer B. Adams is also a candidate.

News was brought here from Washington by J. M. Mordy, a prominent Waynesville Republican, who has been spending some time at the National Capital, that Bellamy will be promptly unseated, his election declared void and a new election called. Mordy says he learned this from members of the Election Committee. He thinks it hardly probable that Crawford will be unseated.

Ruffin High School, at Ruffin, Rockingham county, was incorporated today.

Rev. Dr. Sims, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle Church, here, has resigned, his resignation to take effect in January.

Mrs. Louise Holt, widow of the late Gov. Thomas M. Holt, died suddenly Saturday night at Burlington. She was buried this afternoon.

Saturday night, at Jerome, Johnston county, Albert Brown, a white man, stabbed and killed C. W. Ballard in a dispute over an account. Brown is now in jail at Smithfield. Ballard's father was killed in 1878, and John Edwards, the man who killed him, was tried, convicted and hanged.

CHAS. W. BALLARD KILLED.

Affray in a Bar Room at Jerome, N. C., Which Ended Fatally.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

SMITHFIELD, N. C. December 11.—News reached Smithfield yesterday of a shooting at Jerome, N. C., a station on the A. C. L. railroad between Selma and Kenly, which resulted in the death of Chas. W. Ballard, a barkeeper of that place. The affray occurred in Ballard's bar room. It seems that Alford Brown, a notorious character of that section, was there drunk and upon being asked to pay an account due Ballard, cursed the latter, whereupon Ballard drew a beer bottle on him and attempted to put him out of the bar, when Brown stabbed him in the chest, from the effects of which he died in about one hour.

Ballard was well known in that section of Johnston county.

Mrs. Holt, widow of the late Gov. Thos. M. Holt, died suddenly Sunday at Burlington, where she had gone to see a sick sister. She was one of the wealthiest ladies in North Carolina.

THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

Students, go home by the Seaboard Air Line, and get your certificates signed by Superintendent, Principal or President of your institution. †

DEBATE ON THE CURRENCY BILL.

The Feature of Yesterday's Session of the House of Representatives.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION.

Dearmond of Missouri, Maddox of Georgia, and McClellan of New York—Senate Proceedings—Sympathy for the Boers—To Pension Negroes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—An appeal by Mr. Mason, of Illinois, for an expression of sympathy with the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain was a feature of the Senate proceedings to-day. The resolution upon which Mr. Mason based his remarks was referred, at the conclusion of the address, to the Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, considering it too delicate a question, in view of the position of this government, to pass upon without serious consideration.

To Pension Freedmen.

Senator Cockrell, Missouri, directed the attention of the pension committee to a bill introduced by request of Mr. Pettus, of Alabama, providing for the payment of a pension to freedmen.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, expressed the opinion that no such measure should have been presented to Congress. He read a certificate of membership in "The Ex-slave Pension Association," showing that the members were required to pay 25 cents membership fee and 10 cents a month to be used as a fund to secure the passage of the bill.

"In my judgment," said Senator Gallinger, "this is a bill that ought not to and probably will not receive the favorable consideration of the pension committee. The promoters of the bill are deluding thousands of poor people and are simply trying to keep this agitation alive for their own benefit.

Senator Cockrell believed it would not do to let the bill slumber in the committee room. He urged that it be reported back adversely as soon as possible.

After the bill had been adverted to briefly by Senator Hoar and others, it was referred to the pension committee.

A message was presented from the House announcing the death of Representative Baird, of Louisiana.

Senator McEnery, Louisiana, offered the usual resolutions of regret which were adopted, and then at 3.40 o'clock the Senate as a further mark of respect adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The feature of the opening day of the debate on the Currency bill in the House was the speech of Mr. Dollivar, of Iowa. It was characterized by all the wit and eloquence for which the Iowan is noted, and held the members without regard to party for over an hour. Mr. Dollivar declared that the last doubt in the Republican party as to the wisdom of enacting the gold standard into law had been resolved by the experience of the business world during the past three years.

Mr. Dearmond (Missouri) was the heavy gun on the Democratic side. He warned the Republicans from the West that they could not deceive their constituents in the coming Congressional elections by claiming that they had yielded to the wisdom of their colleagues in caucus.

Mr. Overstreet's speech was an elaborate defence and exposition of the proposed currency bill. He said in conclusion:

"The advocates of currency reform firmly declare that the financial operations of the government are upon the gold standard, but that the fears generated by doubtful legislation relative to silver coinage, and the persistent attack upon the standard of value, fully justify the legislation asked. To firmly fix gold as the standard of value, in unequivocal terms, made fully operative by all proper safeguards, is the central idea of the law proposed. It is confidently believed that the country demands it, and that our action will be ratified by the people. Democrats of courage and conviction, have nobly dared to break from party lines and suffer, unflinchingly, the sting of the party whip, in honest and patriotic effort to uphold the integrity of the national credit, to make secure the foundation of the vast and expanding business of our people. The American yeomanry in the great agricultural fields of the country are fully awake to the importance of the subject and appreciate the wisdom of the legislation. Nearly all of those who wavered in 1896 corrected their error in 1898."

Mr. Maddox, Democrat, Georgia, was the first speaker in opposition to the bill. He said if he had analyzed the bill correctly, no measure had been presented to Congress in half a century fraught with so much importance to the country. He referred to former Speaker Reed's New York speech in which he advised the immediate enactment of gold standard legislation before some branch of the government got away from the Republican party. "The faithful," said he, "understand that this legislation must be enacted at once or not at all." Mr. Maddox then proceeded with a detailed analysis of the bill. The enactment of gold standard legislation, he declared, had never been an issue before the people. If gold was now the "existing standard," he contended, "it was so by the unlawful usurpation of the executive officers of the government."

Facility for raiding the treasury under the bill, he said, had never been hitherto equalled. It would convert every obligation of the treasury into a gold obligation and would compel the government to sell millions of gold bonds for the amount of 25 per cent. of all the outstanding notes of whatever character. He argued that under the bill, banks with $1,000,000 capital, now required to deposit bonds equal to a third of their capital in the treasury, were only required to deposit $50,000 in bonds, enabling the banks, he declared, to contract or expand the currency at will. He took up the Republican platform of 1896 to show that every Republican who now advocated the gold standard was an apostle. He had read at the clerk's desk the speeches of some of the Republican leaders in 1897, declaring that the Republicans were for international bimetallism.

At the conclusion of Mr. Maddox's remarks, Mr. Dollivar, Iowa, took the floor.

"There is something about the pursuit of the science of money," he said, "that enables every one of its students to comprehend his own ideas without being very hospitable toward the idea of others, (laughter.) This was a bill to set at rest all doubts as to the standard in this country. It should be presented to the business men of this country as a Christmas gift." Mr. Dollivar said that he did not want his record and past follies to be brought against him. He had voted for the Sherman Act in 1890, an act which he now regarded as a piece of unutterable stupidity.

In 1896 the cry of Bryan, he said, was for more money. Money was scarce. It was hoarded. The day after the election it came out from its hiding.

"Are you willing now," interrupted Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, "that the mints should be opened to silver if an international agreement could be obtained?"

"No, sir," replied Mr. Dollivar. "I have had my last whirl with silver. I have been humbugged for the last time."

Mr. Dollivar recalled Mr. Bryan's prophecy that the gold standard could not be enacted without a universal fall of prices. "Is there a man in this chamber," he asked, "who will rise in his place and say that Mr. Bryan knew what he was talking about?"

Not a Democrat rose. Mr. Dollivar paused, reiterated his question, and then resumed. "It is then confessed that in a question which goes to the heart of the controversy, Mr. Bryan lacked wisdom.

Mr. McClellan, New York, opposed the bill. "I do not wish it understood," said he, "that I advocate the present system of bank note currency. The first direct consequence of the enactment of this appeal will be a very great rise in the market price of government bonds.

"The substitution of the world gold for coin would result in an unearned bonus of over $60,000,000 to the holders of the loan of 1895 alone."

Mr. Dearmond, Missouri, followed in opposition to the bill. Replying to Mr. Dollivar, he said the Democrats had not been overborne in 1896 in the conflict of reason, but the Republican party had won by summoning to their aid the corrupt and tremendous power of money and corporations. He charged the Republicans with deceiving the people in 1896. They were bimetallists then. If they were honest then they must be dishonest now; if honest now, dishonest then. The change of the bonds from coin to gold bonds, he said, would make a free gift of $100,000,000 to the bondholders.

Mr. Greene, Pennsylvania, then announced the death of his colleague Ermentrout of Pennsylvania, and at 5:55 P. M., as a further mark of respect the House adjourned.

COTTON PRODUCTION FIGURES

The Department of Agriculture Reports 8,900,000 Bales As the Probable Outcome of This Year's Crop.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture reports 8,900,000 bales as the probable cotton production of the United States for 1899-1900. This estimate is based on a larger number of both general and special reports than has ever before been received by the department in connection with a cotton crop. While weather conditions during the past thirty days have been mainly favorable to whatever picking remained to be done, so that the conditions of the crop is slightly better than one month ago, continued investigations leave absolutely no doubt that the crop is even smaller than was indicated in either of the statistician's reports.

The estimated productive area, in thousands of acres, is as follows: Virginia, 47; North Carolina, 1,220; South Carolina, 2,212; Georgia, 3,288, Florida, 149; Alabama, 2,883; Mississippi, 2,784; Louisiana, 1,179; Texas, 6,642; Arkansas, 1,726; Tennessee, 816; Oklahoma, 199; Indian Territory, 299; Missouri, 77. Total, 23,522. This is 5.8 per cent. less than last year.

The estimated yield, in pounds of lint cotton per acre, is as follows: Virginia, 120; North Carolina, 193; South Carolina, 165; Georgia, 159; Florida, 94; Alabama, 176; Mississippi, 209; Louisiana, 238; Texas, 185; Arkansas, 193; Tennessee, 166; Oklahoma, 185; Indian Territory, 225; Missouri, 195.

A SUNDAY MORNING FIRE.

Big Blaze in Augusta, Ga.—The Losses Will Approximate $1,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 11.—The most disastrous fire Augusta has experienced in years broke out yesterday morning. The damage will approximate $1,000,000. The fire started in the heart of J. B. White's big dry goods house. The following figures are estimates of the losses made up by three of the leading insurance men in the city:

J. B. White, building and stock, $410,000; Dorr, building and stock, $35,000; Schaiderresi, stock of fruits, $6,000; Rice & O'Connor, $9,000; J. Henry Meyer, tobacco and cigars, $2,000; J. Miller Walker, $5,000; Stults' restaurant, $7,000; Exchange saloon, $2,000; P. F. Sheron, shoes, $7,000; Miller & Elmore, tobacco, $6,000; Arlington Annex, $2,000; Arlington Hotel, $100,000; Masonic Hall building, $25,000; E. J. O'Connor, liquors, $3,000; Phœnix Painting Company, $3,000; Louis Schaul, jewelry, $10,000; M. L. Freeman, jewelry, etc., $10,000; Augusta Construction Company, $10,000; N. L. Willet, drugs, storeroom, $5,000; Morris' livery stable, $5,000; Richards' livery stable, $1,500; Schneider's, $5,000; Mullarky & Sullivan, dry goods, $10,000.

S. P. SHOTTER & COMPANY.

Indicted in U. S. Court at Savannah for Violation of Inter-State Commerce Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 11.—The grand jury of the United States Court to-day returned six indictments against S. P. Shotter, J. F. C. Myer, C. J. Deloach and W. J. L'Engle, members of the firm of S. P. Shotter & Co., probably the largest naval stores buyers in the United States, charging them with violation of Section 10, of the Interstate Commerce law. It is alleged that they shipped certain tank cars of spirits turpentine to Berry Brothers, of Detroit, Mich., which contained more than 47,000 pounds of spirits, while the marked capacity of the cars by which the railroads were guided was 42,000 pounds. The maximum penalty for violation of this section is two years imprisonment and $5,000 fine, either or both, in the discretion of the court.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad has sold all its lands in Western Florida, aggregating 600,000 acres, to a Michigan syndicate, at one dollar an acre. The largest and best bodies of these lands will be held by the syndicate for its own uses and an immense milling and turpentine business will soon be established.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

The old folks are waiting for you Christmas, so is the Seaboard Air Line. One and one-third fares round trip. Tickets good for two weeks, if purchased December 22nd. †

BRITISH REPULSE AT STORMBERG.

Gen. Gatacre Met With a Serious Reverse in His Attack On the Boers.

MANY OF HIS MEN CAPTURED.

The Boers Report 672 British Prisoners Taken — The Fighting at Modder River—Boer Commander Maintained His Position.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 10.—The War Office issues the following dispatch from General Forestier-Walker, at Cape Town:

"Gatacre reports: 'Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides, and found impracticable ground.'"

The British losses, so far as known at present, are 2 killed, 26 wounded, and 605 missing, who are probably prisoners. This list is as yet incomplete.

Gen. Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnoissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly intrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putter's Kraal shortly after noon yesterday with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men.

The Boers' Account.

PRETORIA, December 11.—Six hundred and seventy-two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg.

In the fighting at Modder river yesterday evening General Cronje maintained his position and captured fifty British soldiers.

Dissatisfaction in London.

LONDON, December 12.—No further news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging General Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised additional message, and the censorship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter. While it appears to be generally admitted that General Gatacre is inclined to overwork his men, Lord Durham's remarks are considered as in rather bad taste. Until General Gatacre has given his explanation, it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laings Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. Colesburg is also said to be an almost impregnable position; and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that General Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State, perhaps, some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and to wait for reinforcements which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the Cape. The first detachments will sail Saturday next. Even if General French is not compelled to retreat he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

More Troops Mobilized.

It now seems certain that the Seventh Division, which is being mobilized at Aldershot, will also be sent to South Africa. No news has yet been received confirming the Boer report of the capture of fifty prisoners at Modder river from Lord Methuen's column. It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought and the British have lost five hundred and sixty-six killed, two thousand and twenty-seven wounded and nineteen hundred and seventy-seven missing or prisoners.

The War Office has issued a notice that after January 1st a deduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa—in the case of privates four pence per day for wives, and a penny for each child; in the case of sergeants, eight pence for wives and two pence for each child. These sums have thus far been paid by the government. The order indicates the belief that the campaign will be long.

At Modder River.

MODDER RIVER, December 10.—The naval 3.7-inch gun again took up a position north of the camp this afternoon while the howitzer battery was posted southeast on the left of the Boers. Both opened a hot fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel, to which the Boers replied with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position, which was the object of the British manœuvre. After an hour's firing the Boer guns were silenced, the howitzers searched the trenches and then threw shell after shell upon the hills, the explosion of the lyddite causing the whole grounds over an extensive area to rise in the air in dense brown clouds. A Boer long gun was dismantled.

It now appears that the Boers intend that the next fight is to take place at Magersfontein. Apparently Spytfontein is not defended or the Boers are unwilling to unmask their position there, as the replies to the British artillery were all from guns at Magersfontein.

At Ladysmith.

LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 11.—The following dispatch has been received from the Boer laager near Ladysmith:

"Several Kaffir runners from Ladysmith to Estcourt have been captured. The intercepted messages show that men and horses in Ladysmith are now on half rations, that whiskey is 1 pound a bottle, and that beer is exhausted."

Details are expected from the Boer outposts in the direction of Modder river. There is a report that the British are advancing on the plain, and heavy fighting is anticipated. Gen. Prins Loo and Gen. Cronje command the Boer forces.

MAFEKING, December 3, via Lourenzo Marques, December 11.—Sorties by the British armored train and the Boer shelling of the town continue. The British have had but few casualties. Last evening the protectorate regiment managed to occupy an outpost where the British Lee-Metfords could reach the enemy's big gun and the result was that the effectiveness of the Boer fire was materially reduced.

The Roberts investigaing committee was not in session yesterday, having adjourned until to-morrow. A member of the committee stated that there was little doubt a sub-committee and possibly the full committee would have to visit Utah and take testimony.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

N. C. DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

It Will Meet in the City of Raleigh On April Eleventh of Next Year.

CALL OF STATE COMMITTEE.

Resolutions Adopted—To Open the Campaign in the State—To Refer Question of a Candidate for U. S. Senator to the People.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The next Democratic State Convention will be held at Raleigh on April 11th, 1900. This was decided to-night by the State committee, which met pursuant to the call of Chairman Simmons in the Senate chamber. The following members of the committee were present: C. L. Abernethy, B. B. Winbourne, T. M. Mason, F. D. Winton, N. O. Berry, J. A. Murchison, E. C. Beddingfied, F. S. Spruill, Wiley Rush, J. S. Manning, Walter H. Neal, G. B. Patterson, Col. Paul B. Means, W. H. Williams, O. F. Mason, J. R. Young, M. H. Justice, Walter E. Moore, J. H. Weddington, Maj. E. A. Hale, Col. T. F. Davidson, R. R. Cotton, Col. Jno. S. Cunningham, W. G. Lamb, F. A. Woodard, George Werburton, D. H. McLean, Col. Jno. R. Webster, R. D. Reid, C. E. Foy, E. C. Smith. The following gentlemen were represented by proxies: F. G. James by John A. Narron; Jas. A. Bryan by P. M. Pearsall; W. A. Bobbitt by J. W. Grainger; W. W. Barber by H. G. Connor; J. R. Lewellin by T. B. Womack; W. C. Newland by R. D. Gilmor; Jas. H. Pou by E. W. Pou; Col. W. B. Rodman by H. W. Stubbs. A resolution fixing the time for the meeting was introduced by Mr. Neal, and was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the next Democratic State Convention be and the same is hereby called, to meet on the 11th day of April, 1900, and that in the meantime our State chairman is directed to open the campaign at such time and places and in such manner as in his good judgment will best serve the interests of the party."

This resolution being adopted, the question of place came up and invitations were extended from Raleigh and Greensboro. Speeches were made for Raleigh by Messrs. Beddingfield, Pearsall, Spruill and others. The invitation from Greensboro was extended by Mayor Taylor and Messrs. A. M. Scales, Clem G. Wright and Irvin Avery, and speeches were made in favor of that city by Messrs. Patterson, Webster and Manning. On the conclusion of the discussion the vote was taken, resulting, Raleigh 24, Greensboro 17.

Mr. McLean proposed the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this committee be extended to the Democrats of Greensboro and the county of Guilford for the hospitable and patriotic invitation to hold our next State Convention in their city."

This matter disposed of, the question of opening and conducting the next campaign was taken up. After some discussion the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Justice, was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the chairman of the committee be authorized and requested to at once take steps to open the campaign in the State on such lines as he deems proper."

Several resolutions were offered, one providing for a primary election for United States Senator. After much discussion, the following was adopted as a substitute for all other resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the question of a candidate for United States Senator be referred to the people in the call for the next State Democratic Convention, for such action as that convention may deem best."

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Travis, was also adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the committee recommend to the various congressional committees of the State that the various congressional conventions be not called until after the August election."

This completed the business for which the committee was called together, and at 11.30 o'clock it adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE BELLAMY.

Introduced a Bill to Abolish the Import Duty On Wood Pulp.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Representative Bellamy, of North Carolina, has introduced a bill, repealing Clause 393, Schedule M, pulps, papers and books of the Tariff law of 1897, and providing that no import duty shall be levied on mechanically ground wood pulp, bleached or unbleached. Another section amends Clause 396, and fixes the rates of duty on printing paper, unsized, sized or glued, suitable for books and newspapers, at 3-20 up to 8-20 of one per cent. per pound, according to value, and 7½ per cent. ad valorem when valued above five cents per pound.

MRS. A. M. CAMPBELL'S DEATH.

The Funeral Took Place From Episcopal Church at Fayetteville Yesterday.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

FAYETTEVILLE, DEC. 11, 1899.

On Saturday night Mrs. A. M. Campbell, relict of the late Maj. A. M. Campbell, passed away at an advanced age, at her residence on Rowan street—a devoted wife, a loving, self-sacrificing mother, a godly Christian, member of the Episcopal church, whence the funeral services took place to-day.

She leaves eight children—Misses Alice, Ella and Fannie Campbell, and Mrs. R. C. Daingerfield, Maj. W. F., Capt. Alexander and Messrs. A. M. and C. L. Campbell.

Commander E. T. Wood, U. S. N., died of typhoid fever at his residence in Washington, D. C., yesterday. He was in command of the gunboat Petrel at the battle of Manila bay.

Everything to be Sold

AT LOWEST PRICES. China, Glassware and Holiday Goods of every description to be sold at lowest figures from now on until everything is closed out. You can save money. Do not make any mistake in finding Watson's China Store, No. 11 Market street, between Front and Water, directly opposite Goodman's Dry Goods store. Look for the sign "WATSON'S CHINA EMPORIUM."
dec 10 3w

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for **1 cent** per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than **20 cents.** Terms positively cash in advance.

Wanted—Married couple or two young men for large bright room, with board; small private family. All conveniences. On car line. Apply at STAR office. A. dec 12 1t*

A Beautiful Oak Secretary, suitable for lady or gentleman, highly finished, with beveled mirror, for sale at half price. Also, a "Vive" Kodak Camera, plates and holder complete. For further particulars apply to Mrs. D. S. Cox, corner Third and Market streets. dec 12 1t*

Wanted—Young man desires position as Book keeper or clerical work. Experienced, sober, quick, correct. Willing to work. Best references. Moderate salary. Address Lock Box 77, Sanford, N. C. dec 12 2t*

For Sale or Rent—House northeast corner Sixth and Orange streets. Possession given January 1st. Apply on premises or to Jas. C. Niemyer, 118 Firwood Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. dec 12 1w*

Notice—Don't fail to examine my stock of Holiday Goods, Oranges, Apples, Malaga Grapes, Nuts, Cocoa Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Prunes, and a nice line of Fancy Candy. Prices are right if given a chance. A. S. Winstead. dec 10 tf

Christmas is almost here, and you ought to have your share. The only way for you to have it is to have some of those fine Photos that they are making at the Star Studio at a special rate this month. Think of it, three different styles and four Pictures of each kind for only $2 00. Come and see is the only way for you to realize the bargains we are giving our hundreds of customers, and we guarantee that every one of them is highly pleased. Yours for the best work and the lowest prices. Star Studio, 116 Market street. dec 9 tf

We carry a full line of Crockery, Chinaware, Glassware, Lamps and Lamp Chimneys. Call on us. John J. Kelly, 21 Market street. dec 5 6m

Employ only a regularly licensed Tuner. Those who cannot or will not pay license must place a low estimate upon their own work, and will not solicit work openly. Your Piano should be looked after every six months. Has it been done this Fall? Let us look after it for you. John G. Russell, 413 Orange street, Bell 'Phone 198. dec 3 tf

Christmas Photographs—If you want Photos that you will not be ashamed to give your friends, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street. Come and see specimens and I will do your work. dec 2 tf

Page & Black, General Commission Merchants, headquarters for Country Produce of all kinds. Call and see us. No. 6 Princess street. 'Phone 330. nov 24 tf

A Fair Show—Ship Pork, Beef—dressed and live—Poultry, Eggs, Peanuts, Potatoes, and everything in the Produce line to R. B. Moore for good prices and prompt returns. No. 5 Dock street, Wilmington, N. C. no 19 tf

Fresh Ground Graham and Rye Flour. Seed Rye, Wheat and all kinds mixed Feed for horses and cattle. John S. McEachern, 211 Market street. 'Phones 92. oc 15 tf.

Tom and Jerry, Hot Spiced Rum, Hot Scotch, Hot Whiskey, Hot Lunch and Oysters every day at The Globe, No. 22 Market street. oct 3 tf

For Sale—Hand-made Buggies of different makes. Also Harness of all kinds; and prices to suit the times. Come and see me when in need of something nice. P. H. Hayden. sep 24 tf

Why not call on Marshall & Jones for your Blacksmith and Wheelwright work, Electrical Bell work and Plumbing at their General Repair Shops, Seventeenth and Market streets? Bell 'Phone 474, Inter-State 127 call 4. Competent workmen in every department. sep 24 tf

A man's Furnishings indicate his good taste. Poorly selected, they spoil the effect of even the best of Clothes. Our Furnishings are all selected with the greatest care. Therefore, he is wise who trades with us. His Shirts always fit comfortably, and look well, his Ties are attractive and of the latest styles, and his Hat and Shoes are faultless in make, fit and finish.

VONGLAHN & GIBSON,
MEN'S WEAR DEPOT.
dec 10 tf No. 130 Market St.

Fresh Ground Cocoanut

12 1:2c per qt.

I can furnish you at a moment's notice. Telephone me your orders for anything in the

Fruit and Candy Line.

I have it and would be glad to serve you.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,
Inter-State 'Phone 132. 304 Princess street. dec 9 tf

Shoot Your Gun!

150 Boxes Firecrackers.
5,000 C. C. Nuts.
1,400 Pounds Fancy Candy.
3,800 Pounds Mixed Candy.
125 Pounds Caramels.
140 Barrels Apples.
1,800 Pounds Loose Raisins.
1,500 Pounds L. L. Raisins.
900 Barrels Flour.
180 Bags Coffee,
240 Dozen Oysters.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
dec 6 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Doubts

For a suitable present can be settled by a visit to my store, where you will find THE FINEST GOODS ever shown in this city from which to select a stylish, useful, practical Present that will stamp you as an "up to-date" inhabitant of a progressive city. Prices to suit all size purses. Terms to suit everybody's convenience.
Open every evening till 8.30.

N. F. PARKER,
dec 5 tf No. 17 South Front street. Furniture & Furniture Novelties.

It Is You I Speak To

In regard to an up-to-date line of HOLIDAY GIFTS. Ladies as well as Gentlemen are requested to investigate quality as well as prices.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Jewelry Novelties.

Fine Repairing a Specialty.

J. T. BURKE,
dec 5 1m No. 27 South Front street.

FOR SALE

A Desirable Building Lot on Princess street.
Also, a House and Lot on Orange street.

CUMMING
dec 6 tf Real Estate Agent and Notary Public.

To Close Out Business—

GREAT VALUES Still to be had

At our closing out sale. Having made disposition of the premises for the New Year, we offer until DECEMBER 31st, extraordinary Bargains, giving to the people a sale **rarely offered** at this season. We are well pleased with the rush during the week, being evidence that the public are hearing our statements are as advertised. We will say that the stock was purchased at **very low values**, it being generally well known great advances have taken place.

ENTIRE STOCK AT COST and below.

Dry Goods, Notions, Blankets, Capes, Collarettes, Mattings, Rugs, and Men's, Youths' and Children's Clothing.

We ask a call to convince yourselves that this is no sham sale. Business must be close. Goods will be sold without reserve.

Terms, Strictly Cash. No Approbation.

IMPERIAL BARGAIN HOUSE, 18 Market St.
dec 3 9t

Xmas Gifts of Furniture

are always joyfully received by those we love a cosy home and our line of Christmas goods this year is of exceeding beauty. Such pieces in Gold Chairs, Desks, Cabinets, Parlor boards, Rockers, Morris Chairs, Fancy Chairs, Couches and China Closets. We have hundreds of pieces to choose from, and the prices were never lower in our experience.

The Sneed-Fuller Co.,
dec 3 tf Second and Market streets.

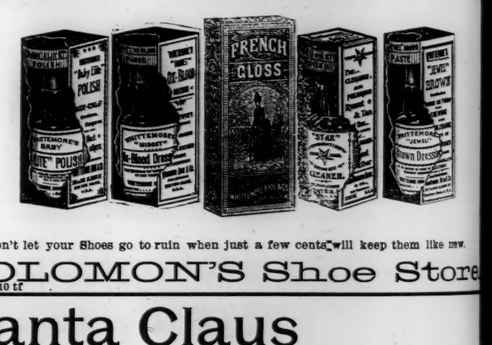
A word about My line of Neckwear For Xmas Trade.

There is nothing more acceptable or useful than one or two NICE NECKTIES. We have them for both Men and Women, and if you see the NEW SHAPES, and color effects

You will be sure to purchase.

A. SHRIER, OUTFITTER To Mankind.
dec 10 tf Bell 'Phone 565

SHOE POLISH—All Kinds.



Don't let your Shoes go to ruin when just a few cents will keep them like new.

SOLOMON'S Shoe Store
dec 10 tf

Santa Claus is coming.

And we are ready to meet him with a beautiful line of Toys and Holiday Goods to please the little folks. We also have a nice line of Dress Goods to show you. A beautiful line Wool Plaids at 29c per yard. A nice line of Silks and Satins at 50c per yard. We have a pretty line of Furs at 10c and 15c per yard; also, Jet Braids of all kind for Trimming.

We carry a good line of Gents' and Boys' Clothing. Ladies' Capes at 50c, 75c, $1.50 up to $4.00. Children's Jackets $1.25 to $2.50. A nice lot of Handkerchiefs—Lawn, Linen and Silk—for Xmas presents. We can show you a nice lot of Ribbon from 5c to 50c per yard. Embroidery from 5c to 25c per yard.

We have a large stock of Shoes of all kinds. We can suit you in Shoes, Blankets, Comforts, to suit the times. Children's Tam O'Shanta Caps at 25c to 35c.

Bring your card and have it punched with all cash purchases.

C. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store,
J. R. HOYD, Manager. Corner Fourth and Campbell Streets.
Bell 'Phone 557. dec 3 tf

--XMAS ADVICE--

May be wasted, as it is only the wise that profit by other peoples' experience, but we will give it for what it is worth.

You will get more real satisfaction, comfort and wear out of one Suit of Custom Tailor-made Clothing than you will out of twenty ready-made Suits.

WHY NOT?

What is a TAILOR for?

To fit every curve, remedy every defect in figure, have your collar lay just so, and give you the style of a gentleman. We do it every time.

Our Xmas Neckwear by Express this week.

M. H. CURRAN,
dec 10 tf 107 PRINCESS STREET.

LET US SUPPLY YOUR WANTS.. NOW IN COAL AND WOOD.

"Delays are Dangerous"

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Agent,
211 South Water street. Bell 'Phone 84.

WOOD CUT specially for Wilson Heaters.
dec 10 tf

Between Holidays

your supply of Groceries, plain and canned, likely to run low. What Thanksgiving dishes leave, you'd better order now for Christmas. It will pay you to deal with us because of quality and promptness in delivery, no less than on account of prices. We'll help you to make Xmas '99 the best.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager.
'Phone 337. Fourth Street Bridge.
dec 3 tf